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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time 2:57 PM

Re: Bremer case

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Mr. Bayden telephoned and advised that he had received a number of calls from newspaper men in regard to the arrest of Nathan Heller at Havana, Cuba.

I advised Mr. Bayden that I did not know anything about the arrest of this individual; that however we were questioning this individual in regard to the Karpis-Barker gang and that it was very likely that he had been arrested. I stated that I thought any statement to the press should not disclose what case he was being questioned relative to, but that it could be said that he was being questioned in connection with an investigation being conducted by the Division and that the Cuban authorities had cooperated very closely with the Division in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

February 2, 1935

Time 6:12 PM

Re: Brown case.

I telephoned Mr. Wilson of the State Department regarding the holding of Nathaniel Heller by the Cuban authorities, and advised him that I had just talked to Inspector Hanson at Miami; that when our Agents arrived in Havana on January 20, 1935, they contacted with a Mr. Matthews and told him that they were in the city and explained their mission; that they contacted the Cuban authorities and the Cuban Police have been working with them since that time. I advised Mr. Wilson that the arrest of Mr. Heller was not requested by Agents of the Division of Investigation; that our Agents advised the Cuban Police of Heller's background and what he had done; that the Cuban Police stated that they would arrest Heller for investigation which would give an opportunity to our Agents to interrogate him if they wanted to, and that they would hold him for deportation. I further advised Mr. Wilson that Agent Brown had a conference with Mr. Gaffrey; that I had just talked to Agent Brown in Miami, and he was somewhat surprised that there should be any misunderstanding about it, because when he left Mr. Gaffrey, he was perfectly satisfied with the situation; that Mr. Brown is leaving by plane tomorrow morning for Havana to see Mr. Gaffrey.

I advised Mr. Wilson, that in order that there will be no further misunderstanding, Inspector Hanson will leave tomorrow morning by plane for Havana, where he will see Mr. Gaffrey and go over the entire situation with him so that he will be fully informed upon all of the details.

I stated that the Agents, having arrived there January 20, 1935, and having checked in to Mr. Matthews, felt that they were perfectly free to go right ahead, and to work along on the lines that they had been working without keeping the Embassy advised of the developments. I stated that these Agents have been instructed that such procedure is entirely contrary to our wishes here.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Keith
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

Mr. Wilson was advised that, although Heller is not being held for us by the Cuban authorities, we are, today, getting out a warrant for him in Florida, charging him with conspiracy to harbor Karpis; that as soon as this warrant is issued, we will notify the State Department formally.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would contact Mr. Gaffrey and advise him of Inspector Hanson's trip to Havana tomorrow for the purpose of explaining the entire situation to him; that the State Department would cooperate with us fully. I advised Mr. Wilson that Inspector Hanson was my personal representative from Washington.

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

JUSTICE

FILE 2

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JER:CEK:BN

February 2, 1935.

Time 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

RE: Bremer Case

Mr. Wilson of the State Department telephoned and advised that he had received a telegram from the American Ambassador at Cuba reading as follows:

"CUBAN POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN HOLDING MR. MATTHEW WELLS, AMERICAN CITIZEN, MANAGER OF THE PARK VIEW HOTEL, SINCE NIGHT OF JANUARY 31. THEY STATE THAT HE IS BEING DETAINED AT THE REQUEST OF MCKEE AND BROWN, SPECIAL AGENTS OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FOR INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN GANGSTERS. NEITHER MCKEE NOR BROWN HAVE COMMUNICATED IN ANY WAY WITH THE EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. AMERICAN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS ARE SHOWING MUCH INTEREST IN THE CASE. MR. WELLS IS CALLING UPON THE CONSULAR GENERAL AND THE EMBASSY FOR PROTECTION WHICH ARE CONSIDERABLY HARBORING BY THE LACK OF INFORMATION. I REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS."

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I advised Mr. Wilson that I could not understand the basis for this telegram, as it was my understanding that Agents Brown and McKee had contacted the Embassy and had been dealing through one of the secretaries there, although I did not know the name of the latter. I explained to Mr. Wilson that Wells had not been taken into custody by our agents or at their request, but voluntarily by the Cuban authorities; that the Cuban authorities had agreed to deport this man as an undesirable alien without any formal demand from the American authorities; and that in view of the above, which was the situation as I understood it, I could not give any explanation for this action of the American Ambassador. I further advised Mr. Wilson that we did not have any Federal process for Wells so far but that we had obtained the close cooperation of the Cuban authorities who had agreed to hold Wells for deportation if we so desired, voluntarily offering to do this. I stated that investigation by our Agents had indicated that Wells was involved as a go-between for the Karpis-Barker gang.

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Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Mr. Wilson stated that perhaps Agent Brown had only contacted the Embassy in connection with the safety deposit box rented by Karpis at Havana, and I replied that although I was certain that Agent Brown had contacted the Embassy in connection with Wells, I would call Agent Brown and ascertain definitely from him the name of the secretary with whom he had talked concerning this. Mr. Wilson stated that he could be reached at his home, telephone number-

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JEH:CEK:HW

RE: Bremer Case  
Memo- Tamm  
2/2/35

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Time-5:10 P.M.

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I telephoned Mr. Hanson and inquired as to the status of the case against Heller, advising him of the call from Mr. Wilson of the State Department to the effect that the American Ambassador was inquiring by telegraph and telephone as to the reasons for our actions in Havana and why we had not contacted the Embassy there. Mr. Hanson stated that he did not know the present status of the case.

I instructed Mr. Hanson to get in touch with either Agent Brown or McKee at Havana immediately; that I desired to know the name of the Embassy or Consular official with whom Agent Brown has been dealing, and if he took up with this official the matter of the arrest of Heller, also the reason why the Cuban authorities arrested Heller. I stated that it was the understanding here that the Cuban authorities had agreed to arrest Heller and hold him if the American Embassy was agreeable to it and that Agent Brown had been instructed to proceed along that basis, and therefore I could not understand the reason for the action of the American Ambassador in advising the State Department that he knew nothing of the matter.

I also advised Mr. Hanson that I was desirous of obtaining as soon as possible a warrant for Heller and to have Agent Brown attend to this also. Mr. Hanson stated that he had just talked with the United States Attorney at Miami, who stated that he was agreeable to issuing a warrant immediately for the arrest of Heller on the grounds of conspiracy to harbor Karpis, and that Heller would be named as one of the conspirators along with Joe Adams and Harry Randall; that this warrant could be based on the fact that Heller was in company with Mrs. Karpis in Miami at the El Comodore Hotel. I advised Mr. Hanson that if there were enough facts to substantiate a warrant, one should be obtained immediately; and to advise me when the warrant was issued in order that I might advise the State Department.

Time-6:15 P.M.

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Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Hanson telephoned and stated that he had just talked with Agent Brown; that Brown had advised him that upon his arrival at Havana on January 20, he had contacted Mr. Matthews, the secretary to the Ambassador and merely advised him of their arrival in Havana; that later Brown had talked with [redacted] at Havana, [redacted] and that [redacted] had advised Agent Brown not to contact the Embassy or the Consulate on any confidential matters as there would be a leak there. Shortly thereafter, Agents Brown and McKee learned that McDonald, who is wanted by the Division for passing Bremer ransom money, had been arrested by the Cuban authorities for an alleged swindle of a Cuban citizen and that upon presentation of letters from Senators Vandenberg and Coudens of Michigan

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RE: Bremer Case

Memo- Tamm

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to Mr. Matthews, the secretary to the Ambassador, McDonald was ordered released by Mr. Matthews. Mr. Hanson stated that they are unable to establish whether McDonald passed the Bremer ransom money, but they do know that he did pass many five and ten dollar bills; that the Cuban authorities wanted to deport him but Matthews did not want to take that action.

Mr. Hanson stated that they were going to try to do the same to McDonald as to Heller on a conspiracy case of harboring. With reference to Heller, Mr. Hanson stated that Heller extended assistance to a man named Wagner, an alias of Karpis; that he did not know it was Karpis; that Heller rented a boat recently for Wagner on the beach about one hundred and twenty-five miles from Havana; that he bought an automobile and did other favors for him. Mr. Hanson stated that so far as he can prove, he has no evidence that Heller knew that he was doing these things for Karpis.

I inquired of Mr. Hanson if our Agents advised the Embassy that Heller was to be arrested and he replied that they did not. I also asked Mr. Hanson if our Agents asked the Cuban authorities to arrest Heller, and Mr. Hanson stated that they did not; that after the situation was explained to the Cuban authorities, the latter stated they would arrest Heller to find out if he was the man who harbored Karpis, and if so, they would deport him as an undesirable alien and our men could interrogate him after his arrest.

With reference to the story that the Cuban authorities are holding Heller upon our request, Mr. Hanson stated that there is no truth in the story. Mr. Hanson stated that they are holding him for investigation; and that they also want to deport him. Mr. Hanson stated that Agent Brown talked to the Ambassador between 1:00 and 2:00 o'clock P. M. today and he informed Agent Brown that he was perfectly willing that Heller be held. I advised Mr. Hanson that Mr. Caffrey called the Secretary of State this afternoon about 5:00 o'clock and protested very vigorously over the conduct of our Agents in coming in there and doing these things without asking him anything about it, and stated that it had caused him considerable embarrassment with the Cuban Government as well as with the press; and that Mr. Caffrey made a personal call by long distance to Washington for instructions as to what to do. Mr. Hanson stated that Agent Brown talked to Mr. Caffrey this afternoon and when he left he was satisfied that everything was alright.

I instructed Mr. Hanson to go to Havana and explain the situation to Mr. Caffrey, and tell him that there was no intention to overlook or ignore him; and that he should explain just who this man, Heller, is and in the meantime, get a warrant in Florida for Heller's arrest. I advised Mr. Hanson that no action should be taken in Cuba or in any other foreign country without first making the contact with the Ambassador. I stated that in case the Embassy can't be trusted, this Office should be communicated with; that I haven't heard from

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RE: Bremer Case

Re: Team

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Brown or McKee since they have been here. I stated a daily report is by wire; that I also stated a daily report from the Miami end of the investigation. I also instructed Mr. Brown to call Agents Brown and McKee to keep in touch with the situation there; that if they have any trouble there, they should contact me and I would attempt to get them out of the State Department.

Mr. Brown stated that he was going to leave in the morning and return tomorrow night; that Agent Mitchell would look after the Miami end of the investigation and Agent Fitzgerald would stay in the office and go to things while he was away.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

3:00 P.M.

Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case.

Mr. Nathan.....  
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While talking to Mr. Alt on other matters, he advised that Agent McKee had just telephoned him from Havana and informed him that the American Consul was evidently perturbed over the fact that Division Agents had been officially active in Cuba without reporting to him. I asked Mr. Alt whether my instructions concerning the necessity for the Agents' reporting to the Ambassador had been conveyed to them and he stated that he had instructed Brown and McKee in accord with my previous instructions, to contact the proper State Department representative and had suggested to them that H. Freeman Matthews, First Secretary at the Embassy had been cooperative with Division representatives in the past. I advised Mr. Alt that the Division had just received some indication of the manner in which this situation had been handled and that the information concerning the attitude of the Ambassador had been brought to the Director's attention.

Mr. Alt stated that McKee informed him that the American Consul had requested that the Agents call upon him and advised that the newspapers in Havana had information concerning the fact that Heller, an American citizen, was in custody.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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DISAPPOINTED THAT AGENTS DID NOT CONTACT HIM PRIOR  
CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION CUBA AND REPORTING FACTS CONCERNING  
HELLER TO CUBAN AUTHORITIES HE, WAS INFORMED AGENTS WOULD  
ADVISE HIS REPRESENTATIVE CONCERNING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN  
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January 21, 1935

Time - 10:52 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Chas. D.  
Re: Bremer case

Mr. McMahon telephoned with regard to our previous conversations relative to making the indictment which has been returned at St. Paul, Minnesota in the above matter public.

Mr. McMahon stated that United States Attorney Sullivan at St. Paul had telephoned him and stated that he had talked with the Judge; that the Judge had told him that he should be persistent in regard to his policy of never making public any secret indictment which was returned; that, however, as long as the Department felt the way we do about it, it would be perfectly all right with him for us to make the announcement either at Washington headquarters or the St. Paul Office.

I told Mr. McMahon that it would be better to have the announcement released from Washington, and that I would immediately prepare the necessary memorandum relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Time - 3:20 P. M.

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Pursuant to your instructions I telephoned the Philadelphia office with reference to the three guns recovered at Atlantic City, New Jersey, subsequent to the escape of Karpis and Campbell on January 20, 1935.

I talked with Special Agent Fallon, who advised that the guns were still in the possession of the Philadelphia office and that he would immediately forward them by express to the Division for appropriate Laboratory examination.

Agent Fallon also advised that a 57-page report, covering the investigation to date in this matter, is being mailed to the Division today.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby.

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Supervisor *MR*

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From Laboratory and  
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Date 2/5 1935.

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To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
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**E. P. Coffey.**

414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 26, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave.,  
New York City, N.Y.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, E.O. 1212,  
FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled matter,  
please be advised that three guns were abandoned by Fugitives Alvin  
Karpis and Harry Campbell at the time of their recent escape at  
Atlantic City, N.J. These guns are as follows:

- 1- 22 cal. long barrel Colt Automatic Pistol,  
Woodman model, with partridge sights.  
This gun is #33712.
- 1- 22 cal. Winchester Model .03 Automatic Rifle,  
#124132.
- 1- 32 or 33 cal. Winchester Rifle, Model 1894,  
lever action, #124112-4.

On the barrel of the last gun appears the figures "33. W.C.F." Near  
the trigger on the middle part of the stock appears the figure 32.

Will you kindly conduct appropriate investigation  
at the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Conn., and the  
Colt Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn., to determine what records they have  
the sale of these guns.

Very truly yours,

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R.O. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Division  
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January 26, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the letter addressed to the Division under date of January 21, 1935 by Special Agent in Charge Vetterli of the St. Louis Office, concerning the transfer of W. L. Buchanan to Chicago, you are advised that I discussed this matter with Mr. Tolson on Thursday afternoon, January 24th, at which time I told Mr. Tolson that I believed it inadvisable to transfer Buchanan at the present time, since the surveillance which he was maintaining over the residence of the home of Willie Harrison could not be readily assumed by another agent. At that time, Mr. Tolson stated that Buchanan would be permitted to remain at St. Louis.

Buchanan has become well acquainted with members of the Harrison household and has established himself in their confidence to such an extent that he is taking the father of Willie Harrison for automobile rides and recently attended a party given at a hotel in St. Louis, with members of the family. I do not believe that Buchanan should be removed from this point at the present time and did not know of the telegram addressed to the St. Louis Office on January 25, 1935 until this morning. I respectfully recommend that Buchanan be permitted to remain in St. Louis for an indefinite period, pending the apprehension of Willie Harrison.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 64  
Buffalo, New York

February 5, 1935.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., NW,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I. O. #1232, etal  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir: *2/8/35*

In accordance with the instructions contained in Division letter of February 2, 1935, please be advised that the temporary wanted notices prepared and issued by the Division on Fred<sup>O</sup> Barker were withdrawn today by letter from the following Police Departments in this district:

Albany	Schenectady
Buffalo	Syracuse
Rochester	

It is being assumed by the writer that the instructions contained in the Division letter mean to cancel and not to withdraw physically, by personal contact with the said Police Departments, the said temporary wanted notices.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Nathan.....  
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January 19, 1935.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the transfers of Special Agents J. H. Rice and H. R. Duffey to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Portland, Oregon, respectively, the work of these agents is in such a condition at the present time that they might proceed to their respective headquarters without affecting the work of this office in any way. However, owing to the emergency which arose by the transfer of a very important prisoner to this district, it is believed advisable and absolutely necessary that these agents remain at St. Paul for the time being, or possibly until the arrival of Special Agent Owens and Special Agent Glenn, who have been ordered transferred here.

I will appreciate an expression from the Division in connection with the above if the Division holds a different view.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD, *acc*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

With regard to the letter received from the Saint Paul Office dated January 19, 1935 and the Director's notation placed on your routing slip, please be informed that I telephonically communicated with Acting Special Agent in Charge Coulter and made inquiry as to whether Doc Barker was not in the custody of the United States Marshal and further whether any agents were now assigned to guard him. He stated that Barker was in the custody of the Marshal and that no agents were assigned to this detail, but they did have three other persons in custody in connection with that case; namely, Allderton, Bolton and Farmer, but that the case was being presented to the grand jury this afternoon and there was a likelihood of their being indicted in the near future, that it required the services of some agents to keep a constant watch on these individuals, but that this would be for only a day or so, with the consequent result that Special Agents Rice and Duffey, under orders of transfer, should be able to leave Saint Paul some time tomorrow afternoon. I requested Coulter to send us a wire immediately upon their departure.

Respectfully,



T. D. Quinn.

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To: ☒ Director  
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☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Egan  
☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Mr. Lester  
☐ Mr. Baughman  
☐ Mr. Backus  
☐ Mr. Douglas  
☐ Mr. Glavin  
☐ Mr. Richmond (L.H.)  
☐ Mr. Tracy  
☐ Miss Gandy  
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☐ Mr. Renneberger  
☐ Miss Sheaffer  
☐ Inspector

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Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

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Recommend approval

Owens transfer has

been canceled.  
I do not see why. The fugitive  
is not in our custody and is  
in custody of the Marshal.  
Call my phone & get more detail.  
J.C. R. Clyde Tolson.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,  
I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of  
criminal record and description as appearing in the  
files of the Identification Unit of Ed Neary, alias  
Edward Regan, #271, Police Department, Kansas City,  
Missouri.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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for  
L. C. Schilder*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

January 26, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time: 1:30 PM

Re Bremer case

Mr. Alt telephoned and stated that in telephonic conversation with Assistant Director Nathan at St. Paul, the latter had stated that in his opinion it would be alright to send the \$14,000.00 and the diamonds to St. Paul by express, providing the former could be insured for its full amount, and that the car should be driven to Savannah, Georgia, in order to get it out of the state of Florida. Mr. Alt stated that Mr. Nathan had requested him to get authority from the Division before these moves were taken however.

I inquired as to the purpose of this movement and Mr. Alt stated that he did not know the reason for Mr. Nathan's suggestion that the money and diamonds be forwarded to the St. Paul office.

I advised Mr. Alt that he should go ahead and forward the above articles in accordance with Mr. Nathan's suggestion and that the car could be taken to Savannah.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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*What is this being  
done for? I can understand  
about car but I can't see  
why we are taking any interest  
in money & diamonds.  
J. E. H.*

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Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

*Edw. L. Bremer*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:TAM

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 30, 1935

9:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the \$14,000 in currency and several diamond rings which were recovered at Ocala, Florida from the bodies of Kate and Fred Berker, after they had been exterminated by Division Agents, I called Mr. Alt at Jacksonville and ascertained that he had sent the money and rings by express to the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office. Mr. Alt stated that he talked to Mr. Nathan at St. Paul late last week concerning the disposition to be made of these articles and Mr. Nathan advised him that he would confer with the United States Attorney and see what disposition he desired made of these items. Mr. Alt states that Mr. Nathan subsequently called him and told him to forward the money and rings to the St. Paul Office if this procedure had the Division's approval. Mr. Alt called me on January 26th (Saturday) and advised that he had conferred with Mr. Nathan at St. Paul concerning the disposition of these articles and that it was desired there that they be transmitted to the St. Paul Office. I advised Mr. Alt that in accord with Mr. Nathan's instructions it would be satisfactory to transmit these items by express to the St. Paul Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

*This was bad action. We should have had nothing to do with this. Sec 29 of manual is still in force & effect.*

*J. E. N.*

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Mr. Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Bremer case

Mr. Connelley telephoned and informed that they now have ~~Munroe~~ at the office; that he is going back to Munroe's place to see what he can get there; that work will start there Monday morning. As to the rest of the material, Mr. Connelley stated that he did not think there was anything of any importance there, stating that there is nothing to indicate that the gang is there. Mr. Connelley stated he understands that about ten days ago the Sheriff went out and went through all the place; that in view of this, the prospects there are rather doubtful. Mr. Connelley stated that the best thing to do, in his opinion, is to leave Agents Murphy, Melvin, LaFrance and Sullivan there, and for him to return to Chicago with Agents White, Barber, Madala and McDade. I stated that this procedure would be all right, as there appears to be no need for his remaining there; that the Division would plan on his return to Chicago with the four above named Agents.

I stated that the Division is still trying to get statements from Winstead, McRae and Woltz. Mr. Connelley stated that he called this matter to Mr. Ladd's attention the day he left, but that Mr. Ladd has probably been tied up on other matters; that he would try to get a report in tomorrow on the work down in Florida. I advised Mr. Connelley that the Division is desirous of getting the above mentioned statements as soon as possible.

Mr. Connelley advised that there is ~~some~~ relative to ~~the~~ ~~office~~; that it appears that ~~Mc-~~ ~~Connelley~~ ~~has~~ ~~from~~ ~~Chicago~~ ~~they~~ ~~did~~ ~~not~~ ~~get~~ ~~any~~ ~~return~~ ~~address~~ ~~from~~ ~~him~~; that this letter ~~may~~ seem to indicate that he is in that vicinity.

I advised Mr. Connelley that Agent Brown is going to Miami this afternoon to talk to the United States Attorney there; that we have some telegrams and other communications between Adams and Heller, and it appears to be a fairly good case, in the opinion of the Attorney. I also advised him that the Cuban authorities are anxious to deport Heller, so that we will be able to have him in Florida to try him.

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Feb. 8, 1935

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Mrs. Margaret Wakeford  
114 Simcoe St.  
East Hamilton, Ont., Can.

Dear Madam:

By reference from the Chief of Police at Melina, Ill., I am in receipt of your communication dated Jan. 24, 1935, and note therein that you believe you might be the wife of one Harry Campbell, who is being sought by this Division.

You will please find enclosed herewith a copy of an Identification Order, issued by the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, bearing the photograph of the Harry Campbell being sought.

It will be appreciated if you will please notify this office by return mail whether the man whose picture appears on this Identification Order is the man whom you state you married under the name of Harry William Wakeford.

Please permit me to assure you that the Division of Investigation and the writer will deeply appreciate your cooperation in the premises.

Very truly yours,

J. P. McFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago  
E.J. Connelley

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE Feb. 5, 1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/11/35 to 1/16/35	REPORT MADE BY J. J. CONNELLEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1212 DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1212 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Based upon information from Monte Barker, Agents from Chicago proceeded Jacksonville, Fla., and Oklawaha, Fla. At which latter place house occupied by Kate and Fred Barker located 1/15/35. Harry Campbell and Winona Burdett had left the previous Sunday and were expected to return that night, January 15, 1935. House was surrounded 2:30 am 1/16/35, and at 4:15 am the persons therein were driven out of the house, and such invitation resulted in apparently both Kate and Fred Barker firing at Agents with .30 caliber rifle, machine guns, and automatic pistol. In the resulting fire, Agents to protect themselves against this fire, Kate and Fred Barker were killed 1/16/35. \$14,000 in \$1000 bills, and other small amounts of money recovered from them, as well as Buick coupe automobile, which have been disposed of on subpoena from St. Paul. Contents of house examined and various guns recovered and forwarded to the Division for examination. Various persons were interviewed as to the appearance of Winona Burdett, Harry Campbell, Elmer Gray and Doc Barker, at Oklawaha to visit Kate and Fred Barker previously, Campbell and Winona Burdett having lived with them for a considerable time. Continuation of interview had with Winona Burdett and Dolores Delaney at Philadelphia 1/21 and 22, 1935 set out in this report.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. H. McIntire, dated Chicago, Ill., January 20, 1935.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	7-576-4315	RECORDED AND INDEXED FEB 6 1935 A.M. FEB 13 1935
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DETAILS:

In the report of reference page 19, there is included memoranda covering admissions of WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON alias MOWIE GARTER, which were made as a result of questioning of him by Special Agents E. D. Brown, E. L. Madala, and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, this party having taken a particular liking to Special Agent E. D. Brown, after Special Agent in Charge Connelley had given him certain assurances of fair play in connection with any statements he might make. It is noted that Bolton states that when he went to Miami in December, 1934, and returned about January 2, 1935, he did not contact any of the members of the gang in Florida, other than WILLIE HARRISON, who accompanied him on the trip. Therefore their exact location was unknown to him. However, he furnished certain definite information which indicated the location in Florida of the gang, stating that he (Bolton) and Willie Harrison, in proceeding north about thirty to fifty miles south of Macon, Georgia, met SLIM GRAY and DOC BARKER on the road at a point which would be approximately six to eight hours drive north of the place where they had been located in Florida, and where Doc and Slim had visited with Kate and Fred Barker; that they were located on a fresh water lake, somewhere near Jacksonville, Florida; that there was good deer hunting and good fishing; that they were interested in an old alligator known throughout the community as Old Joe, or Big Joe, and that they had tried to catch this alligator; that they had a motor boat on the lake; that the lake was near to Highway 41; that Fred Barker had a small Buick coupe for which the tags had been obtained in Tennessee.

On January 12, 1934, together with Agents E. D. Brown, E. L. Jones and C. G. Campbell, Special Agent in Charge Connelley proceeded to Jacksonville, Florida via plane, arriving late that night, and contacted the office, for the possibility of obtaining the name of some informant who might be familiar with the locality in the vicinity of Ocala, Florida.

On Sunday the Agents proceeded to Ocala, Florida, inasmuch as a map had been found among the effects of Doc Barker, with a circle about the town of Ocala, and also the territory which would take in Lake Weir. Agents Campbell and Jones checked Lake Bryant, about 20 miles east of Ocala, and Agent Brown and Special Agent in Charge Connelley checked Lake Weir and Lake Bowers, about 15 miles south of Ocala, for various circumstances listed. In an undercover manner, there being several states located on Highway 41 along Lake Weir, namely Weirsdale, East Lake, Lake Weir and Oklawaha. However, there are at the present time numerous tourists in this vicinity who are not familiar with the country, and no definite information could be obtained to identify the locality where subjects were staying.



On Monday, January 14, 1935, through former Deputy H. R. Matthews, now jailer at Jacksonville, Florida, contact was had with MILTON DUNNING, a former Deputy Sheriff considered absolutely reliable, a native who lives in Ocala, and he advised that an alligator of the description of the one in question was located at Lake Weir, on Highway 41, and also that a motor boat was located on this lake. Thereafter he made inquiry at the lake, of a friend who lives there, and ascertained that Old Joe, the alligator in this lake had disappeared about 1925; that he could learn nothing which would indicate that subjects were on this lake. He also made inquiry confidentially at Gainesville, without success.

On January 15, 1935, informant Dunning, with Agent Jones, proceeded to Lake Weir, and covered same in a boat, Lake Weir being about four and one half miles wide and about six miles long. On January 15, 1935, Agents Brown and Special Agent in Charge Connelley made confidential inquiry of J. T. Greenlee, Postmaster at Oklawaha, and while he would not identify any of the pictures, he indicated that persons known as Summers and Blackburn, reached some time previously, the house of CARSON BRADFORD, which was quite a nice place, and had its own private motor boat. He indicated they had been receiving a little mail, and a number of newspapers, the latter being wrapped so that the paper enclosed could not be identified. He recommended one FRANK BARBER, who lives on the lane leading to the Carson Bradford place, and this party was contacted and arrangements made to pay him for his services. He being a former employee of the Leavenworth Penitentiary. He identified partially the pictures of Kate Barker and Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, as being the parties now living in the house, Campbell being identified as the party who was using the name of Summers, and Fred Barker as using the name of Blackburn. He stated that Summers had left several days before, in his car, with a woman he was living with at this place, but was expected to return to Oklawaha on Tuesday night, January 15, 1935. He indicated that he had learned this in conversation with Blackburn, who was still at the place. He indicated that Blackburn was driving a Buick coupe.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley, together with Agent Brown, observed the place discreetly, and noted KATE BARKER and FRED BARKER, who were identified from their pictures, on the place, and thereafter made arrangements to immediately withdraw informant Dunning and Agent Jones from the lake and that vicinity, and plans were made to raid the place the following morning, with the hope that Harry Campbell and the woman, evidently Winona Burdett, would return to the place that night. All inquiry and observations were carried on in such a manner as to insure these people not learning of the identity of Agents, making the allight delay before raiding safe.

Thereafter a rough map of the property in the vicinity was drawn and shown to the various Agents who were to take part in the raid, and each was designated to his particular post. In this connection there is being forwarded to the Division a rough diagram of the location of the various houses on this property, together with the respective positions of the Agents who took part in the raid on same. These have previously been forwarded to the Division a number of pictures of the grounds, the buildings, the interior and exterior, which pictures show the action which was necessary to get these parties out of the house.

On the morning of January 18, 1935, at 5.30 A.M. the various Agents assigned in this connection were moved into their positions, to prevent the escape of anyone from the house, and thereafter Agents waited until daybreak, at 7 A.M., to invite these people out of the house.

In order to insure no one being hurt should any shooting be necessary in connection with the apprehension of these parties, Agent J. T. McLaughlin was stationed a considerable distance west of the property in question on Highway 41, to stop the automobiles and divert them from this road, should any shooting start, and Agent T. G. Melvin was located to the east on Highway 41, beyond this property, for the same purpose. Agents C. B. Winstead, G. G. Holtz, G. G. Campbell and D. P. Sullivan were stationed along Highway 41 at the north edge of the property, in order to cover the exit of anyone from this house to the north or east, Agents E. D. Brown and S. K. McKee being located behind a cottage to the east of the property, to cover the exit of anyone through the lane in that direction, and Agents J. W. White, R. L. Jones, A. A. Muzzey, J. L. Madala, E. M. McDade, and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley were stationed at the south west corner of the property in order to invite these people out of the house. At the south west corner of the property was located a small cottage, and two small garages, at a distance of approximately 30 yards from the house, and as soon as it was light enough to observe anyone leaving the house, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley called to the occupants of the house, advising them that we were Federal officers, being Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and that they were to leave the house one at a time, and provided they did so they would not be injured, otherwise if they did not immediately leave the house it would be necessary to go to the place to drive them out. For a period of approximately fifteen minutes no answer was received from the people in the house, although it was noted that apparently someone was moving about within. After about 20 minutes a tear gas shell was shot into the house, and at this time a woman who later proved to be Kate Barker, screamed. Thereafter everything was quiet in the house. During the interval above described various other Agents called to them, in order that they might definitely know that we were Federal officers. However,

no response was obtained. At this time S.A.C. Connelley again called to the Barkers, addressing them by name, and asked them to come out, and the person in the house called out in a rather distinct tone of voice, "All right, go ahead". When this remark was made, it was interpreted as meaning that they were planning to come out, and at this time S.A.C. Connelley advised them to come ahead, and that Freddie should come out first. Immediately thereafter a person in the upstairs far front window fired approximately 25 to 30 shots from a machine gun at Special Agent in Charge Connelley, who was approximately 30 yards from the house, and also someone, who later, from the circumstances indicated was Fred Barker, fired rifle from the front lower part of the house, through the front door. As soon as the firing started from within the house, Special Agent J. C. White, who was backing up S.A.C. Connelley in his conversations with these parties from behind a tree about 33 yards from the house, immediately shot into the house with a .551 rifle. S.A.C. Connelley fell back to position to shoot with a .30-06 rifle, and at this time the parties in the house concentrated their fire on the tree behind which Agent White was located. Machine gun fire from the house thereafter was spread over the side of the yard and through a little grove in which were located Agents Jones and Muzzey, who had also started firing into the house. Agents Madala and McDade who were located slightly farther behind a hedge, also fired into the house, and at this time apparently the party who was then firing the machine gun from the upstairs south-west corner of the house, spread his fire farther, so that he covered the area at a distance of about 300 yards to the west of the house, the apparently such firing being at the Agents he believed to be located behind the cottage and small garages, and beyond this over their heads, his firing extending approximately to the place where Agent McLaughlin was located on the highway. At this time, in order to relieve the pressure on Agent White who was behind the tree about 33 yards from the house, S.A.C. Connelley moved into position in front of the south west corner of the house, around the small cottage, and after several shots through the front of the house, was answered by a number of machine gun bursts in that direction, and thereafter at intervals the firing continued from the house, and observation of the screens in the house later showed that they had fired from windows on all four sides of the house, apparently endeavoring to locate some of the Agents, and such fire was returned by the Agents, for a period of approximately two hours.

As the firing continued it became evident that the parties in the house were endeavoring to conserve their ammunition, as they lengthened the periods between their fire, and reduced the number of shots in the bursts coming from the house. Apparently while firing from the east side of the house, these parties shot about four bullets from a .33 caliber Winchester rifle, through the house, of Mrs. A. T. Westbury, whose house is located along the lane at the east side of the Carson-Bradford property, toward the lake,



the party firing apparently being of the opinion that some of the Agents were located at this point. During this firing Agents Muzzey and McDade endeavored to fire tear gas shells into the house from the west, and we were unsuccessful in getting approximately four tear gas shells into the house. Although due to the screens and mis-fire, the gas shells were not placed in the upper south west corner room. The principal firing into the house, which was concentrated on the south west corner, where subjects finally located in the upper bedroom, was done by Agent J. C. White with a .302 rifle, Agent E. J. Jones with the 30-06 rifle, Agent Muzzey with a shotgun, Agent Madala with a machine gun, Agent McDade with a machine gun, and Special Agent in Charge Connelley with a 30-06 Springfield rifle. It is estimated that the Agents fired approximately 800 rounds into the house, and that the subjects fired out of the house about 250 rounds. However, in this connection, a portion of the firing by the Agents into the house was done after the firing had ceased from within. The Agents on Highway 41 and to the east of the property also shot into the house from the north and east side thereof.

After the firing had ceased from within the house, a reasonable period of time was allowed to elapse, and after checking all of the Agents who were taking part in the raid to establish that no one had been hurt, WILLIE WOODBURY, the colored man, about 25 years of age, who had been working on the place for Fred Barker at five dollars per week, and who was living in the small cottage at the south west corner of the property with his wife, was asked if he would call to Fred Barker, whom he knew as Mr. Blackburn, and invite him out of the house if he were injured, in order that he might be taken care of, assuring him that he would not be harmed if he came out in the proper manner. Willie Woodbury agreed to go up and see if he could talk with these parties if they were still alive, and at this time S. A. C. Connelley stood in front of the house while the colored man went around to the back door and front door, and called to these parties to come out, and also asked them if he could assist them in any way, and finding both doors locked, he then agreed to go into the house and see if the people were injured in such manner that they could not answer him, and at this time S. A. C. Connelley stood in front of the house. Woodbury entered the front door and went upstairs, not finding anyone downstairs, and entered the room which had been occupied by Kate Barker. He called to S. A. C. Connelley that there was no one there. He thereafter entered the south west corner bedroom which had been the room of Fred Barker. However, on this particular night Barker had moved a cot down to the front room and was sleeping on same with his back to the front door, apparently to intercept anyone who might call, and this being the point apparently from which he first fired with the 33 caliber Winchester rifle. After entering the room Woodward called out to S. A. Connelley: "They are both up here". S. A. C. Connelley then asked what they were doing, and he advised that "they were both dead".

Upon entering the house it was ascertained that they had apparently fired from the downstairs through the window and front door with a .30 caliber Winchester rifle, and that they had fired from the windows in all four directions from all the rooms on the second floor, there being four bedrooms in the house. Kate Barker and Fred Barker were found dead in the south-west corner bedroom. Fred Barker was lying in the middle of the room, face down, with a .45 automatic under him and a machine gun with a 50 shot drum beyond his left hand, and Kate Barker was found in the north-east corner of this same room, lying on her back, with a machine gun at her left hand with a 100 shot drum on same. There was also found a 50 shot drum in the bedroom of Kate Barker, which had evidently been completely fired; a 50 shot drum in the gun apparently used by Fred Barker was entirely empty, and a 100 shot drum on the gun found beside Kate Barker had approximately 80 or 40 shots fired from same.

Due to the lapse of time between the first burst of machine gun fire from the house, and the second burst, it is believed that Fred Barker probably reloaded the 50 shot drum at least once. In connection with the .45 caliber automatic found under the body of Fred Barker, same was loaded with a clip containing seven bullets, and one bullet which was still in the chamber, had been fired from same, and a shot from a 30-06 rifle had cut away part of the steel butt of this gun, causing it to jam on this one shot and making it useless. Fred Barker, judging from the position in which he fell, was apparently facing the front of the house or the south-west window on the west side of the house, and had ten bullets from either a .351 rifle or a 30-06 rifle in his left shoulder and chest, and one wound through the back of the head, which latter wound was probably the fatal wound, and Kate Barker had three bullets in the chest, one of which apparently had gone through the heart. All of these bullets had passed completely through the bodies. The firing of these subjects was particularly close to Agents J. C. White, A. A. Muzzey and R. L. Jones, who were located in a position towards which most of the firing by the subjects was concentrated.

After the firing ceased and the bodies had been located, same were not touched until the necessary arrangements could be made for the Coroner to view them, and shortly thereafter Sheriff from the surrounding counties appeared on the scene and offered their cooperation. Also, Wallace E. Sturgis, County Attorney, A. P. Baile, District Attorney, as well as A. F. Meadows, Prosecuting Attorney, and L. E. Futch, County Judge, who acts as Coroner, arrived on the scene. Prior to the time the shooting had stopped Sheriff S. C. Thomas arrived in the vicinity, and he assisted in keeping the traffic away from highway 41, while there was any shooting going on. Mr. Futch and the Sheriff then arranged for a Coroner's jury to view the bodies and arrangements were thereafter made to take them to an undertaking parlor in Ocala, Florida, where they were prepared for burial.

The Coroner's hearing was adjourned until 11 A.M. January 17, 1935, at which time S.A.C. Connelley appeared as a witness for the Government, and advised them of the identity of the two deceased persons, the reason for which they were being sought by the Division, as well as the criminal record of Fred Barker; that when these persons had been invited to come out of the house on the morning of January 16, 1935, after Agents had identified themselves, they had opened fire upon the Agents. Thereafter the Coroner's jury made its findings to the effect that Fred Barker and Kate Barker came to their death at the hands of Agents of the United States Department of Investigation, in the protection of their own lives, while the said Kate Barker and Fred Barker were resisting arrest.

Certified copies of the Coroner's jury report were obtained and one forwarded to the Division under date of January 17, 1935.

The fingerprints of Kate and Fred Barker were obtained by Special Agent J. L. Madala and forwarded to the Division.

A Buick coupe automobile was recovered in the garage at this place, as well as certain amounts of money on the body of Fred Barker and in the purse of Kate Barker, as will hereinafter be covered in more detail by the reporting Agents. There was also found in the house at this time a number of guns, and a quantity of ammunition, which will also be covered in detail by the reporting Agents who examined same, and arranged for forwarding of this equipment to the Division.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala at Ocala, Florida, on January 16, 1935:

On the above date, this Agent arrived at Ocala, Florida, and immediately proceeded to the Munroe Hospital for the purpose of ascertaining whether Dolores Delaney, wife of Alvin Karpis, was, or had been a patient in the maternity ward of said institution. In this connection, it will be stated that the previous information had been received by the Chicago Division Office, that Dolores Delaney is in a pregnant condition and it was expected that she would give birth to a child around this time.

Agent interviewed Mr. John A. Bowman, Superintendent of the Munroe Hospital, and he advised, after searching the hospital records, that they had had few maternity cases within the past few months. With the aid of Mrs. Lillian Clarkson and Mary C. Marshall, Mr. Bowman and Agent went over all maternity cases during the above period and it developed that all of these cases were local and each patient was known personally either by Mr. Bowman, Miss Marshall or Mrs. Clarkson.

Agent exhibited photographs of the various members of the Barker-Karpis mob to the above named individuals, but they could not make any identifications as of persons who had visited the hospital.

On January 15, 1935, this Agent contacted Mr. H. D. Leavengood, Postmaster at Ocala, Florida, with a view of determining whether any members of the Barker-Karpis mob were receiving mail there in care of General Delivery, or had rented a post office box since September of 1934. Mr. Leavengood referred Agent to H. L. Booker, who is in charge of the renting of post office boxes.

Photographs of the subjects in this case were exhibited to this individual, and Mr. Booker readily selected the photograph of Harry Campbell as appearing familiar to him; however, he could not associate this identification with any particular incident. The names of those persons who have rented post office boxes during the last three months, were carefully gone over with Mr. Booker and it developed that Mr. Booker is personally acquainted with every renter during that period.

On January 15, 1935, at 8 A.M. Special Agent R. L. JONES proceeded from Ocala, Florida to Lake Weir with confidential informant MILTON DUNNING, per instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. After looking over the north side of the lake from Barnes boat house to a fruit cannery company about two miles up the shore of the lake, Agent Jones decided that he would go back to Barnes place and rent a motor boat and go fishing, as he had not learned very much of interest up to that time. However, the informant had learned that some strange people had moved in the Bradford home, which was near the Barnes boat house. Agent Jones and the informant was unable to locate the exact place, without asking questions which they did not wish to ask at the boat house at that time. Agent Jones and the informant rented a boat and fishing tackle, and fished up and down the shore of Lake Weir, from Barnes boat house to the cannery, as they knew that the house was in that neighborhood. They were unable to see any automobiles, or anything which would indicate exactly which house they lived in. However, the informant was positive that it was near this boat house. Agent Jones returned down the shore, after having been out until 12.30 or 1 P.M.

After arriving at the boat house Mr. Barnes told Agent Jones that a gentleman named Brown had been there, and left a request with him for Jones to have lunch with him in Ocala. Knowing that this was Special Agent R. D. Brown, Agent proceeded to Ocala immediately, and learned that the desired information had already been obtained by Agent R. D. Brown and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley.

Memorandum for Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley  
covering activities of Special Agent J. C. White during the period  
January 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1935.

At one A.M. on January sixteenth, Agent left Jacksonville, accompanied by the other Agents assigned to this case and arrived at about four miles north of Ocala, where he was met by Special Agent in Charge Connelley and plans were laid to raid the place of Carson Bradford on Lake Weir, which was occupied by one J. C. Blackburn and a Mrs. Blackburn, supposed to be the mother of the former.

All Agents got into position around the Carson Bradford house at about six A.M. on January sixteenth. This Agent was in a position northwest of the house, near Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and Special Agents R. L. Jones, A. A. Muzzey, John L. Madala and T. M. McDade. About seven A.M. Special Agent in Charge Connelley called upon the occupants of this house to come out and surrender and no one would be injured; that the house was surrounded by Agents of the United States Department of Justice. No response was heard from the house and this Agent then called upon the occupants to come out and surrender, informing that the house was surrounded by Special Agents of the United States Department of Justice, and still no response was heard from the house.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley then instructed Agents Muzzey and McDade to fire tear gas projectiles into the house. Two or three projectiles were fired against the house, but they failed to go into the house, and about that time someone from the upper southwest window of the house began firing what seemed to be a Thompson submachine gun, the bullets kicking up the sand directly in front of Special Agent in Charge Connelley, who was lying in a prone position near an old outhouse. Just prior to this burst of shots coming from the house, Agent thought he heard a woman say, "What are you going to do?", as if she were talking to someone else in the house. This Agent then began firing at this window. A few minutes later this fire was directed towards Agent, who was behind an oak tree, near the outhouse, about twenty-five steps from the door to the front of the house; then some shots came from somewhere downstairs on the west side of the house, striking the outhouse, which was to Agent's left rear. Agent then concentrated his shots on the front door and windows, also on the upstairs and downstairs windows on the north side. The firing continued from the house, both from the north upstairs windows and the windows from the front of the house, which was to the west. Later, Agent heard shots which seemed to be fired from the inside at the rear of the house. These shots were evidently directed against



the Agents who were in the rear and to the east of the house. Later, shots again came from the upstairs rooms to the front and the north side of the house. All Agents on this side of the house then began shooting at these windows and doors. There was then a lull in the shooting and an attempt was again made to fire other tear gas projectiles into the house from the north side, which was unsuccessful.

Being out of tear gas projectiles, Special Agent in Charge Connelley instructed one of the Agents to go and get other tear gas projectiles. Special Agent T. J. McLaughlin came to Agent, who was still in his position on the northwest side of the house, and wanted to be covered while he, McLaughlin, fired tear gas into the house from the north side. Agent then got into position and fired at one of the windows on the north side of the house, both upstairs and downstairs, covering Agent McLaughlin while he fired the tear gas into the house on that side. Agent McLaughlin succeeded in getting three tear gas projectiles into the house. During this time shots came from the inside of the house towards Agents.

Agent then went to the large outhouse, which was to the northwest of the main house, and there found in one of the rooms a negro by the name of Willie Woodbury and his wife, Annie Bell Woodbury, who were occupying one of the rooms in this house on the northeast side, and were directly in the rear of Agent when he had his position behind the oak tree.

Willie Woodbury advised Agent that he and his wife were employed by J. C. Blackburn and his mother, Mrs. Blackburn, to cook and clean up the Bradford home. Willie stated that there were only a man, whom he knew as J. C. Blackburn, and a woman, named Mrs. Blackburn, staying in the house at the time, but that there was another person who had been there up until the past Sunday morning, known to Woodbury as George Summers; that this George Summers had left there Sunday morning at about nine AM, driving a new model Ford V-8 sedan; that he was accompanied by a woman known to him, Woodbury, as Wynona. Willie Woodbury picked out a photograph of Harry Campbell as being the man that he knew as George Summers.

Agent got Willie Woodbury and his wife, Annie Bell, out of the outhouse in order that if there were any more firing they would not get hurt.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley then got out in front of the house and asked Willie Woodbury if he would try the front and side doors of the house, which he did and he came back and stated that they were both latched from the inside. Later, the house was entered from the front by Special Agent in Charge Connelley, E. L. Jones, John L. Madala, and other Agents. Agent stood in front of the house covering these Agents while they were entering in case any shots would be fired from the house at the Agents. Special Agent in Charge Connelley then advised Agent that he had found Fred Barker and Kate Barker, both dead up in the northwest room.

Agent then went into the house and upstairs to the northwest room, and there saw Fred Barker and Kate Barker lying dead near the door leading out into the hall. Fred Barker was lying on his face. Kate Barker was lying on her left side, with her feet drawn up, and bare-footed. Agent then went through to the southwest room and there saw Kate Barker's house slippers laying on the floor underneath the southwest window. This room appeared to have been occupied by Kate Barker, and on the table near this window, Agent saw a Thompson machine gun drum which appeared to be fully loaded. Upon returning from this room into the hall, Agent noticed a trail of blood leading from this room into the room where Kate Barker was found dead.

Coroner Futch was immediately notified and came there, selecting a jury, viewing the bodies and rooms in the house, and turned Fred Barker's body over and underneath his body was found a 45 blue steel automatic Colts pistol, which had been jammed, and on examining this pistol it is noted that a bullet had struck the butt end of it, splitting the handle and cutting a groove in the steel. Fred Barker's body was then searched for a money belt, keys, etc., and the undertaker took out of his righthand pants pocket two Ten Dollar bills and three One Dollar Bills. Agent John L. Madala then unbuckled Barker's belt, taking it off and in the zipper pocket of this belt four One Thousand Dollar bills were found, by Agents E. L. Jones and Madala. It was noticed that Fred Barker was dressed in shirt sleeves, no hat, no coat, with a pair of dark trousers and black, low shoes. There were ten bullet holes in his left shoulder and breast; also it was noticed that there were two or three bullet wounds in his head.

Kate Barker's body was not examined there for the bullet wounds. The undertaker then took the bodies out to his establishment in Ocala.



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Agent then interviewed Willie Woodbury who identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as the man whom he knew as George Summers, and who had been staying with Fred and Kate Barker for the past two weeks. Woodbury stated that Campbell was driving a Ford V-8 sedan, license number unknown. He was unable to positively identify any of the other photographs of this gang, with the exception of Alvin Karpis, whom he thought he had seen at Fred Barker's place during the two months that they had been living in Oklawaha.

Woodbury further stated that there was a man, named Tom Sexton, and his wife, who had three children, two boys and a girl, who lived in the same outhouse that he, Woodbury, was living in at the time that the Barkers came there and that the Barkers objected to this family, stating that they were annoying them and got Mr. Bradford to have them leave.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley received information from Mrs. A. T. Westberry to the effect that she had seen the Barkers burying some bottles to the north of the Bradford house in the orange grove. This Agent and Agent S. B. Winstead surveyed the orange grove to the north of the Bradford house, and dug in various places where Agents suspected that something was buried and were unable to find where anything was buried in the orange grove.

Agent later interviewed Mrs. Westberry and she stated to Agent that she saw the Barkers dig a garbage pit to the east of the house and then take bottles, empty cans, and other garbage to this pit and cover it up; then later dig a new pit to put their garbage in. No freshly dug hole was found anywhere in the yard, with the exception of an old garbage pit where empty bottles and cans, etc., were found. No bottles containing any money or anything of value were found anywhere buried on the Bradford place, which was occupied by the Barkers.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent S. B. Winstead, made a cursory examination of a 1934 Buick coupe, which was in the garage at the south part of the yard, and it was noted that this coupe bore a 1934 Illinois license 750 974, motor number 2684746. Agent later found the keys to this car in the southwest room of the house, this room having been occupied by Kate Barker.

Agent interviewed Mrs. A. T. Westberry and her daughter, Wilma, who live in a house southwest of the one occupied by the Barkers, and across a small lane, near to the lake front and the Barker house. Mrs. Westberry stated that the people she knew as J. C. Blackburn and Mrs. Blackburn had lived in the Bradford house about two months and that she noticed that they acted rather queerly; that they kept watching anyone coming to the Westberry home and that Mrs. Blackburn nearly every morning would come out the front door of her house and come to the garage, which is between the two houses and slightly to the east, and would stand at the corner of the garage and look over the Westberry home; that she would then walk around the house and go back into her house from the other side of the Westberry home; that on one occasion she noticed a man who was visiting them who appeared to be a brother of Blackburn; however, he was much older and was more bald on the front of his head; that a man she knew as George Summers had visited the Blackburns and had been there about two weeks prior to Agents and had only left the Bradford place the Sunday before Agents' arrival; that George Summers was driving what she took to be a Ford or Chevrolet sedan; that she does not remember what license plates this car bore, but she thought it was a Florida plate, numbers unknown. Mrs. Westberry picked out the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being the man she had known as George Summers.

Mrs. Westberry stated that this man was accompanied by a woman whom she described as tall and slender, about twenty years of age, dark hair which was a rather long bob, curled on the ends in the back, was rather flashily dressed and walked with a haughty manner, smoked cigarettes incessantly and would appear each and every day with a different dress and coat on; that when this car they were driving came in it was very muddy and dirty and that it was washed the next day.

Mrs. Westberry further stated that on one occasion about three weeks ago she noticed a man driving what she took to be a Ford coupe, drive up to the front of the house and that Willie Woodbury, the negro who was employed by the Blackburns, placed a box of oranges and grapefruit in the rear of this car. She never noticed this man being about the place but on that one occasion; that he was neatly dressed

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was fair complected and a blonde, wore a grey overcoat and a light grey hat.

Agent questioned Willie Woodbury about the party for whom he loaded fruit in the back of his car and Woodbury recalled the incident and stated that he did not know who this man was, but he came to see the Blackburns on only one occasion so far as he knew; that he was driving a Ford V-8 coupe, a new model, but he does not remember what kind of license was on this car. Woodbury described him as being:

Height:	About five feet seven or eight inches
Age:	About twenty-five or twenty-six years
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Blonde
Complexion:	Fair
Eyes:	Blue (he thinks)

that he was a neat dresser and he noticed that there were small gold fillings between his lower front teeth. Woodbury never heard the Blackburns call this man by name.

Willie Woodbury further stated that Fred Barker, whom he knew as J. C. Blackburn, occupied the northwest front room of the Bradford house and that his mother, Kate Barker, whom he had known as Mrs. Blackburn, occupied the southwest front room and that during the time that Harry Campbell, whom he had known as George Summers, stayed with the Barkers, he occupied the southeast room. All of these rooms are upstairs.

Woodbury further stated that during Christmas week the Barkers had two men visiting them, one of whom he understood was Fred Barker's brother, and Woodbury identified the photograph of "Doc" Barker as being this man, and that the other man was called "Slim". He identified the photograph of Russell Gibson as being the latter man. He stated that they came to the Barkers' house in a new model Ford V-8 coupe and that he saw a rifle which these men had with them and "Doc" Barker stated that it was a

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Springfield rifle; (This is evidently is one of the Browning automatic rifles taken out of Russell Gibson's room when he was killed in Chicago, Illinois, on the night of January 8, 1935.) That these two men stayed with the Barkers about three or four days and left; that he, Woodbury, never saw any rifle and that Fred Barker had with the exception of the .33 calibre rifle and the .22 rifle, and two shotguns which Fred took when he went out on the lake in a motor boat; that when he went around the place in the evening he would usually carry a .33 with him; that the Barkers had a closet upstairs in Fred Barker's room which they always kept locked and he now suspects that this closet is where they used to keep their arsenal.



The following memorandum covers the activities of Special Agent W. L. Madala in connection with the raid at Oklawaha, Florida on the morning of January 16, 1935.

In accordance with instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Agent took a position in the field which faced the north side of the house occupied by Kate and Fred Barker. From this position Agent had an excellent view of the entire north side of the house and could very easily observe anyone leaving the premises from that side. After a wait of about an hour and at approximately 9:00 A.M. the writer heard someone shout out, "Come on get Freddy, we are Department of Justice agents and have the house surrounded." A few minutes later Agent heard a woman's voice which appeared to come from the direction of the house, and shortly thereafter from the same direction there came a burst of machine gun fire. Immediately thereafter the Agents to the right of this Agent, namely Special Agents J. C. White, R. L. Jones, T. M. McDade and Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, and this Agent returned the fire. It appeared that the shots from the house came from the northwest corner of same, and as a consequence this Agent, who had a machine gun, directed his fire at that point.

Subsequent to this outburst there seemed to be a lull of about five minutes, after which the occupants of the house fired upon the Agents who were located at the northwest corner of the structure. At this time the writer again directed his fire to the window above mentioned and after the second outburst Agent retreated his position about twenty feet and took a spot behind a fence post directly opposite the north side of the building. Thereafter no shots were fired for approximately thirty minutes. About this time Agent received a tear gas gun from Special Agent A. A. Muzzey, who in the meantime had received additional gas projectiles from Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin who was stationed on U. S. Highway No. 41, some distance from the house. Upon receipt of this gas gun from Agent Muzzey, Agent changed his position to where Special Agents White, Jones and Special Agent in Charge Connelley were stationed, and from behind a tree fired two gas projectiles at the house. Subsequent to this time no more shots appeared to come from within the house. However, this Agent, as well as others in close proximity, fired intermittently into the second floor windows of the northwest corner room. At about 11:15 A.M. Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Special Agents McLaughlin and Jones and the writer persuaded Willie Woodbury, who had been



Fred Barker's negro servant to enter the house for the purpose of ascertaining whether Fred and his mother were still in there as at that time agents had received a rumor to the effect that a man and woman had been seen running from the direction of the house in a southerly direction along the beach. The negro entered the house and in a short time came out stating that Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, as he knew them, were dead and lying on the floor in the northwest corner room of the second floor. Immediately thereafter Special Agent in Charge Connolly, together with Special Agents White, Jones, McDade, Sullivan and this Agent proceeded to the above mentioned room and there observed Fred and Kate Barker lying on the floor in a pool of blood. A machine gun containing a hundred-shot drum was lying beside the body of Kate Barker and another machine gun with a fifty-shot drum fixed thereto was lying beside the body of Fred Barker.

Thereafter Special Agent in Charge Connolly issued instructions that nothing was to be touched or removed until the coroner arrived on the scene. Subsequently when the coroner had made his examination this Agent unbuckled the belt from Fred Barker's trousers and observed the same had a zipper arrangement on the rear. Special Agent Jones in the presence of this Agent pulled open the zipper and found four one thousand dollar bills located therein. This Agent took immediate possession of this money and subsequently Special Agent R. D. Brown turned over to the writer a fifty dollar bill and two ten dollar and three one dollar bills, together with other papers and memoranda found on Fred Barker's person. Subsequently the above described currency was turned over to Special Agent T. W. Stapleton on January 19, 1935.

After the coroner's jury had made their examination of the deceased Fred and Kate Barker, this Agent accompanied the bodies to the Sam H. Pyles Mortuary in Ocala, Florida. At the mortuary this Agent and Mr. Pyles again searched the clothing of Kate and Fred Barker and at this time Agent discovered a pocket watch in the front pocket of Fred Barker. In Agent's presence Mr. Pyles removed two diamond rings and a wedding band from the fingers of Kate Barker and a diamond ring from the left little finger of Fred Barker. This jewelry was turned over to Agent by Mr. Pyles and the same was receipted for. The rings and watch were subsequently turned over to Special

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Agent T. W. Stapleton at the time Agent turned over to him the above mentioned currency.

After the bodies of Fred and Kate Barker were cleaned by Mr. Pyles, Agent took their fingerprints and it was noted that the fingerprint impressions of Fred Barker were considerably scarred, substantiating previous information to the effect that Dr. Joseph P. Moran had performed this type of operation on the finger tips of Fred Barker as well as other members of the mob.

The above mentioned fingerprints were forwarded to the Division from Ocala, Florida under date of January 28, 1935.

The following is a report of the activities of Special Agent R. L. Jones, on the morning of January 16, 1935:

Agent proceeded from Ocala, Florida, to Lake Weir, and took the position assigned to him by Mr. Connelley on the northwest side of the Carson Bradford home, about thirty yards from the house. Agents Madala, Muzzey and White and Special Agent in Charge Connelley had a position to the right of Agent Jones, Agent McDade and others being to his left. Before the command by Special Agent in Charge Connelley for the Barkers to give up and they wouldn't be hurt, Agent Jones placed a piece of concrete walk, which was about two feet by two feet and four or five inches thick, edgewise behind a small orange tree. Agent was behind this piece of concrete and was armed with a .450 Government rifle. Special Agent in Charge Connelley gave the command for the occupants of the house to surrender several times, which they did not answer to. Special Agent in Charge Connelley then instructed other Agents to throw gas into the house if possible, and this was answered by machine gun fire from the upper part of the Bradford house. Agent returned the fire and remained in this position until the fire subsided in the Bradford home. After it had been determined that the occupants of the house were either dead or badly wounded Agent accompanied Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and others into the house. Fred Barker and his mother were dead. After remaining there until after the coroner's jury held the inquest, Agent with Agent R. B. Brown, C. D. Campbell and B. K. McKee proceeded by airplane to Miami.



The following memorandum covers the activities of Special Agent T. M. McDade during the raid on the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida:

On January 18, 1935, Agent, in company with other Agents proceeded to Lake Weir at Oklawaha, Florida. Agent took his position on the north side of the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker about thirty yards from the house in direct line with the kitchen windows. The only cover at this point was a small trench and some bushes which hid other windows of the house.

About seven A.M. when it became light, Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley was heard to call for Fred and Kate Barker to come out of the house. After five or ten minutes of calling, a woman was heard to make something which Agent could not understand. No one came out and in two or three minutes firing commenced from the house. Agents to the right of Agent commenced firing and Agent fired three shells from a gas gun, one of which went into the kitchen. There was sporadic firing on all sides for some time, distinct flashes being seen from the side windows on the first and second floors.

There was no cover to go closer to the house. Agent fired from a Thompson sub-machine gun during the battle and also afforded cover to Agent J. T. McLaughlin who fired gas shells into the house from the protection of a shield.

At eleven-thirty A.M. Agents entered the house and found Fred and Kate Barker dead in the front left (northwest) bedroom on the second floor.

Custody and surveillance of the house were maintained until Agents left on January 19, 1935. Agents T. M. McDade and C. A. Whitten took six photographs of latent fingerprints found on the right and left glass doors of a 1934 Buick coupe, motor number 288-4746, Illinois tag number 750-974.



The following memorandum reflects the activities and observations of Special Agent Alex A. Muzey on the morning of January 18, 1935, at Oklawaha, Florida:

Agent was stationed on the north side of the Bradford house between Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and Special Agent R. L. Jones, being a member of a group of six which had been detailed to cover the north side of the Bradford home and the front entrance to same. At approximately seven A.M., Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley shouted in a rather stentorian voice, addressing himself to the occupants of the Bradford house, and identifying himself and the group as being Federal Agents of the Department of Justice; that the house was surrounded by Agents of the Department of Justice and for them to come out with their hands uplifted toward heaven. Agent J. C. White and this Agent also shouted the same words as did Special Agent in Charge Connelley. Approximately five minutes elapsed and no one came from the house. A noise was heard in the house as if some one were moving some heavy object, then a burst of shots was heard from the house and instructions were given Agents to fire tear gas shells into the house.

Agent fired three tear gas shells, but because of his position and because of the fact that two windows through which he had been instructed to fire tear gas shells were obstructed by trees, Agent's three shots from the tear gas gun struck the house to the left of the upstairs bedroom, about one and one-half feet below the window, one shell stuck in the house, but did not penetrate, due to the fact that Agent was approximately fifty feet from the house. When a burst of shots came from the house, Special Agent in Charge Connelley instructed Agent to secure protection behind a tree, which Agent did and was armed with a shotgun and fired three shots from the shotgun, and fire from the house was scattered against Agents White, Connelley, Muzey and Jones. Due to the fact that this firing was endangering the Agents' lives, they retreated behind a shed upon orders of Special Agent in Charge Connelley. From then on, Agent acted as a messenger, conveying orders to Agents scattered around the house and carrying

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ammunition and arms from automobiles parked on the road to Agents on the firing line. Agent made approximately eight or nine trips from where Special Agent in Charge Connelley was stationed to various sectors about the house where other Agents were stationed, carrying to them orders and bringing back ammunition and firearms to various Agents.

At approximately eleven-thirty o'clock, Agents entered the Bradford home with Willie Woodbury and in the second floor bedroom on the northwest side of the house observed two people lying dead on the floor with two machine guns beside them.

Agent remained at the Bradford home from that time until the afternoon of Saturday, January 19, 1935, and during the time he remained in the Bradford home he aided in searching the home and gathering up personal belongings of "Ma" Barker and Fred Barker.

On the morning of January 17, 1935, Agent, while gathering up the personal belongings in a room occupied by "Ma" Barker, found in a purse a zipper compartment and in this found a small brown envelope in which was contained ten One Thousand Dollar bills. Four Fifty Dollar Bills were secreted also in this compartment. Agent immediately gave this money to Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton, informing him that he had found it in the purse in "Ma" Barker's bedroom.

Memorandum covering the activities of Special Agent S. C. Woltz, on the morning of January 16, 1935, and through January 18th, 1935.

On Wednesday morning about 12:30 A. M. Agent S. C. Woltz, left Jacksonville Office in a Division owned car with Agents Sullivan, Winstead and White, and proceeded to Ocala, and from there to the hide out at Oklawaha, Florida. Upon reaching the vicinity of the house where the Barkers were supposed to be, Agent Woltz was stationed in the rear of the house, which would be on the East side of said house and West of highway 441. Near Agent Woltz on this side Agents Campbell, Winstead and Sullivan were stationed.

Agent Woltz took his post at about 4:00 or 4:30 A. M. and about 7:00 A. M. or a few minutes before on the morning of the 16th of January, 1935, I heard Agent in Charge, Mr. Connelley, call to Fred Barker to come out and surrender; that he was surrounded by Federal Agents and that we were Federal Agents, and that if he would come out with his hands up that he would not be harmed; and that if there were any in the house with him that they should come one at a time with their hands raised. After a few such warnings as this I heard shots which seemed to come from one of the front rooms of the house. In a few minutes I heard gas projectiles being fired from my right side and from the north side of the house. None of these first projectiles entered the house, but seemed to bounce off. Then I heard more shots fired from within the house, at which time I heard the Agents in Agent Connelley's vicinity reply with shots. At this time I along with the other Agents stationed in the rear of the house and also Agents stationed on the left or South side of the house replied with many shots.

From then on every few minutes when there would be a lull in the shooting I could hear Agent Connelley call to Barker or whoever was in the house, that we were Federal Agents and that if he would surrender to come out with his hands up one at a time.

Usually this would be answered by shots from different windows of the house. At times some person would fire from the upstairs windows at the place where I was stationed with other Agents. I could not tell whether it was a man or a woman shooting in my direction, but I could see a flash now and then and hear bullets passing over my head and hitting

around close by. Whenever I would see an object at the window or see a flash or any thing that would indicate that a person was on my side of the house, I would shoot my rifle. I usually emptied the chamber which held a clip of five .30.06 bullets.

Firing from the inside of the house and from the Agents continued spasmodically the greater part of the morning. At about 11:00 o'clock we received orders to cease firing; that it was thought that whoever was in the house was dead and that there would be an attempt to rush the place by the Agents.

I received orders to proceed to the left side of the house and approach cautiously. Before I reached the inside of the house one of the Agents told me that they were dead and I proceeded to the inside of the house and on the North side in a bed room I saw Fred Barker and Kate Barker lying on the floor with several bullet holes in them and they were dead. I noticed that many bullets had penetrated the house from all sides and that hardly any place was clear of bullet holes.

I was stationed then to keep newspaper men, curiosity seekers and the public in general from entering the house and to guard the property and the Agent's equipment. That night I was placed on guard duty with Agents White and Winstead.

I remained in Oklawaha during guard duty and checking various leads until January 18, 1936, at which time I was ordered to go to Gainesville with Agent Connelley, and Agents White and Winstead for the purpose of trying to take who we were informed, was Karpis, on a lead and on information furnished us that he was to contact a negro on the highway that night for the purpose of getting 1000 rounds of rifle ammunition.

I proceeded with the above Agents and was ordered by Mr. Connelley to secret myself near the highway at a place where the negro had his car parked.

We reached this place on the highway about 6:00 o'clock P. M. and remained there until about 8:00 that night when it was decided that Karpis would not show up, and we were ordered to return to Ocala.



The next day which was the 19th of January, 1935, I was ordered to check different leads in Ocala, Florida, for possible contacts of Barkers and Karpis, such as the hardware stores and the Banks.

It being a Bank holiday I could not contact the President of the Bank in Ocala, but did contact the Marion Hardware Company where I received information that T. G. Blackburn, who is known to have been Fred Barker, had had this concern ship one .35 rifle to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Conn., for the purpose of having the chamber reamed out, a new ivory bead front sight and a new magazine complete placed on this rifle.

The correspondence concerning this is attached to this memorandum for the purpose of any further information which might be needed in connection with this.

I then was ordered to return to Jacksonville and reached Jacksonville about 6:00 P. M. on the 19th of January, 1935.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan on the morning of January 14, 1935:

All Agents arrived at Oklawaha, Florida, and following the directions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, the writer took up his position on highway forty-one in company with Special Agents C. B. Winstead, G. C. Campbell and G. C. Wolts. At seven o'clock when the firing began, Agent joined and fired intermittently throughout the morning.

During the morning, Special Agent in Charge Connelley directed the writer to proceed to the north side of the residence occupied by the Barkers where Agent took his position and with other Agents covered Agent McLaughlin when he was gassing the Barker residence, by shooting into the upstairs windows.

When no response came from the Barker residence as a result of our shooting for sometime, Willie Woodbury, former handyman employed by the Barkers, agreed to enter the residence to ascertain whether there was any life therein. He returned and stated that Fred Barker and his mother were both dead, whereupon Special Agent in Charge Connelley, Special Agents, Madala, McLaughlin, Jones, White, McDade and the writer left cover and entered the Barker residence and upon entering noted that Mrs. Barker and Freddie were lying lifeless in pools of blood in the northwest corner room on the second floor of the Barker residence.

The following memorandum covers the activities of Special Agent C. B. Winstead in connection with the raid on the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935:

On January 16, 1935, this Agent, in company with other Agents, by automobile, proceeded from Jacksonville, Florida, to a house below Ocala, located on Lake Weir, and which was occupied by Fred Barker and his mother, Kate. The position assigned to this Agent, together with Special Agents G. C. Campbell, Dan Sullivan and G. C. Woltz, was on the highway where the rear of the house could be seen and the space between the house and garage covered in order to prevent Barker escaping from the house into the garage where his Buick coupe was located. These positions were taken up about six o'clock in the morning while it was still dark and shortly after daylight we could hear the Agents located at the northwest corner of the house order the Barkers to come out and surrender. At about seven-fifteen firing began in the house and the Agents stationed in the rear began firing into the windows at the rear of the house.

At about ten o'clock A.M., Sheriff Thomas, from Ocala, Florida, came down to where these Agents were located in the rear of the house with a .351 automatic rifle. Agent was beginning to run short of ammunition and asked the Sheriff if he had any extra ammunition and he stated that he only had five shells.

At about eleven-thirty A.M., Agents were ordered to come forward and this Agent proceeded across the vacant space behind the house to the rear of the house. Upon arriving at the house, Special Agent R. D. Brown informed Agent that the Barkers were dead and when Agent entered the northwest room upstairs in the house he saw the bodies lying on the floor. Agent then went out and assisted in keeping the sightseers outside of the premises.

This Agent, together with Special Agents J. C. White, G. C. Woltz, and T. M. McDade, remained at the premises where the raid occurred until about one-thirty the next morning, when we were relieved.

Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, the writer, Special Agent J. J. McLaughlin, stationed himself at the north gate lane on Highway Forty-one, adjacent to the Bradford house, to prevent anyone passing or any other members of the gang approaching within the range of fire, or anyone escaping from the Bradford residence by this lane. The writer was on the post of duty from five o'clock until eight-thirty A.M. January 16, 1935, when Sheriff Thomas of Ocala, arrived with a deputy and took charge of this section of the highway as far as police control was concerned.

The writer, upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge Connelley proceeded to his location which was a short distance from the Bradford home. The writer, while protected by other agents' fire, was successful in placing at this time three gas projectiles into the house, missing one. Special Agents again shot into the upper portion of the house while the writer approached within a distance of ten or twelve feet behind the old garage, which practically adjoined the Bradford house, and a number of gas projectiles were shot at the house.

Upon returning to where the other Agents and Agent in Charge Connelley were stationed, through a conversation among Agents with Willie Woodbury, the negro handyman employed by the Blackburns, it was ascertained that he was apparently willing to



enter the house, to see if he could assist them if they were injured. He was cautioned by Special Agent in Charge Connelley to keep calling who he was. This negro approached, tried all the doors of the house, but could not enter and returned to Mr. Connelley, whereupon after a few more minutes he was again requested to enter the house to find out whether the occupants were living or dead, and if they were alive and injured to come out for help. After a few minutes Willie's head appeared in the window and he stated they were dead, whereupon he was instructed to come out. Special Agent in Charge Connelley and other Agents entered the house and found the Barkers dead on the floor of the upstairs northwest room.

Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge Connelley, after finding that the Barkers were no longer living, the writer notified the local Sheriff, the Coroner and the undertaker, to immediately come to Oklawaha to the Bradford house on Lake Weir, to make their necessary investigations and remove the bodies.

After this, the writer remained on guard at the house until instructed by Special Agent in Charge Connelley to return to Jacksonville.

It might be stated in connection with the gassing of this house considerable difficulty was experienced due to the fact that all windows bore full length screens, which were practically new, and further that it was almost impossible to approach the house within range distance of the gas guns.

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Memorandum covering the activities of Special Agent  
T. G. Melvin, on the morning of January 16, 1935.

At about 8:30 A. M. Agent under instructions of Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, took his position on highway 42, South of the Bradford residence to guard against the return of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, who were reported to be in Miami, and expected to return to join Freddie and Kate Barker at any time.

Agent also diverted traffic moving in a northerly direction in order that no one would be injured by the fire.

Agent also assisted Agents McKee and Brown in covering the Barker residence in case Kate and Fred Barker effected their escape from the house.

After the death of Fred and Kate Barker agent joined other Agents at the Bradford residence under instructions from the Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley.



The following investigation was made by Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton, who arrived at Oklawaha, Florida, at approximately 11:00 P. M. on January 15, 1935, accompanied by Special Agents F. J. Donaghue and C. A. Whitten of the Charlotte office.

Upon instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, the writer after his arrival at Oklawaha, Florida, remained at the home of Carson Bradford until approximately 2:00 P. M. on January 19, 1935, with the purpose of keeping it under surveillance and making a careful examination of the contents therein. All of the clothing and other personal effects were collected with respect to the room in which found and taken to the Jacksonville office, where they will be carefully examined for any leads of value. The house, from the attic to the ground, and mattresses, as well as the entire premises, were carefully searched in an effort to locate any money which might be hidden, with negative results, with the exception of money taken off of Fred Barker and that found in "Mother" Barker's pocketbook. All papers which appeared likely productive of leads of value were collected and carefully assorted by the writer and Special Agent in Charge Connelley, who took possession of them and will report on their contents. Information from these papers which appeared to be of immediate value in Miami and Havana, Cuba, were telephonically given to Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, who was at Miami, Florida. The writer found under a scarf on a table in the living room a letter addressed to "Mr. G. F. Summers, Oklawaha, Florida", postmarked 10:30 P. M., January 7, 1935, Chicago, Illinois, bearing an air mail stamp, which is handwritten in pencil and reads as follows:

"Hello ever one how is that old sunshine down there fine I hope. Boy it is not so hot up here, for we are haveing some winter. I Bet you and Buff are not catching no fish now for I think I caught them all when I was down there. I took care of that Buisness for you Boys it was done Just as good as if you had did it your self. I an Just like the standard oil always at your service ha ha. tell, Bo, you know the Boy with the rosey cheek that Moxey is up here looking for him and if it is alright to send him down. I have not seen chuck yet I have Been Busy on that other he was perry hard to locate. But will see him right away, and see if he wants come down there. tell mother that deer was mighty fine and I said hello and her and the scaw had Better not let you Bums Beat then in catching fish ha ha well I will close for this time as ever your Big Bud

B. L. Barnes"



On the morning of January 17, 1935, Special Agent J. P. Lacour turned over to the writer \$42.58, \$39.00 of which was in paper money, which he stated was found in the pocketbook of Kate Barker. A few minutes later, Special Agent A. A. Muzzey turned over to the writer \$10,800.00 which he stated he found in the pocketbook of Kate Barker. The writer recorded the serial numbers of the paper money and turned it over to Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin who delivered it to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville office. The following is a list of the paper money found:

TEN (10) \$1000.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Atlanta	F 00014261A	1928
2	"	F 00022463A	1928
3	Chicago	G 00070117A	1928
4	Atlanta	F 00010128A	1928
5	"	F 00019257A	1928
6	"	F 00014906A	1928
7	"	F 00019258A	1928
8	"	F 00019531A	1928
9	"	F 00022457A	1928
10	"	F 00022464A	1928

FOUR (4) \$50.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	New York	B 01861588A	1928 A
2	"	B 02408286A	1928 A
3	Cleveland	D 00800129A	1928
4	Chicago	G 02329603A	1928 A

ONE (1) \$20.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	New York	B 25386560A	1928 B

ONE (1) \$10.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Chicago	G 44630390A	1928 B

NATIONAL BANK CURRENCY - OCALA FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK

	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	One (1) \$5.00 Note A-004769	1929 (9926)

Four (4) \$1.00 Silver Certificates

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	F 64868659B	1928 B
2	F 10544336B	1928A
3	C 47627382B	1928B
4	F 54390482B	1928B

The \$3.58 in silver money was placed in the pocketbook of Kate Barker which was brought to the Jacksonville office.

On January 19, 1935, Special Agent J. L. Madala turned over to the writer \$4,073.00 which was found on the person of Fred Barker after he was killed. This money was also turned over by the writer to Special Agent in Charge Alt, a list of which is as follows:

FOUR (4) \$1000.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Atlanta	F 00004857 A	1928
2	"	F 00009887 A	1928
3	"	F 00020337 A	1928
4	"	F 00020574 A	1928

ONE (1) \$50.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Cleveland	D 01715647 A	1928 A

ONE (1) \$10.00 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	Atlanta	F 09996256 A	1928 B

ONE (1) \$10.00 SILVER CERTIFICATE

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	A 04725095 A	1934

THREE (3) \$1.00 SILVER CERTIFICATES

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
1	D 52344621 B	1928 B
2	G 17629161 B	1928 A
3	F 36928187 B	1928 B

Arrangements were made with the St. Paul office to have a subpoena duces tecum issued for all of the foregoing paper money and the Buick coupe, motor number 2884746, bearing Illinois license tags for 1934 750-974, and this property will be turned over by Special Agent in Charge Alt to the United States Marshal at Jacksonville, Florida, when he serves the subpoena.

Numerous articles in the house were dusted by the writer and Special Agent F. J. Donaghy for latent fingerprints, particularly the articles found in the room believed to have been occupied by subject Harry Campbell and Winona Burdette. The Buick coupe was also dusted for fingerprints by Special Agents C. A. Whitten and T. M. McDade. The prints developed were photographed and will be transmitted under separate cover to the Division for developing.

While at Oklawaha, Florida, information was received from several sources that T. B. Sexton had formerly lived in a cottage adjacent to the Carson Bradford home and had been requested to vacate due to some difficulty with the Barkers.

On the night of January 18, 1935, Mr. T. B. Sexton, who now resides at 818 East Henry Street, Ocala, Florida, employed by the City Fire Department, came to Oklawaha and stated that he rented the cottage adjacent to the Carson Bradford home from Mr. Bradford on October 6, 1934, that a few weeks later an individual, known to him as Mr. Blackburn, and whom he identifies as Fred Barker, and a woman, whom he identifies as Kate Barker, moved into the Carson Bradford home; but shortly thereafter they refused to permit his wife to get water at the Carson Bradford home, and that he made a call on Fred Barker one night, when Barker informed him that he would not permit them to get any more water due to a past due water bill of \$14.00 which he, Barker, had to pay; that Barker, after many words, consented to let him have the water if he would pay half of the water bill, which he refused to do; that during the conversation he called Barker a liar, at which time Barker made slanderous remarks about Mrs. Sexton and called him, Sexton, a pimp. Mr. Sexton was shown the photographs of members of the Barker-Karpis gang and their associates but he was unable to identify any of them except Fred and Kate Barker, although he had seen other persons on the premises at a distance. Mr. Sexton said that his wife would probably be in a position to give information concerning the occupants of the Carson Bradford home.

Mrs. T. B. (Louise) Sexton was interviewed, and she stated a Mr. Blackburn, his mother, a Mr. George Summers, accompanied by a negro chauffeur, moved into the Carson Bradford home on November 6, 1934. She identifies Mr. Blackburn and his mother as Fred and Kate Barker and George Summers as Harry Campbell. She stated that upon their arrival Fred Barker and his mother were driving a Buick coupe bearing New York license plates, numbers not known, and Harry Campbell was driving a new Ford V-8 coupe, also bearing New York license plates, the numbers of which she does not recall. Mrs. Sexton believes they arrived on Wednesday and states that Harry Campbell left on the following Sunday in the Ford, stating that he was going to Miami, Florida, to the dog races; that during the time that Campbell was at the Carson Bradford home he sat in his car in front of the house every afternoon as if he were guarding the place; that he would listen to the radio in the automobile and particularly to the police broadcasts; that one afternoon he drove his car over to the edge of her porch and asked her if she objected to his coming over, that she informed him that she did not object, but rather enjoyed the radio, after which he took her in his car to the Oklawaha Inn, where they had dinner; that after this Campbell was very attentive to her and tried to give her a case of liquor and insisted that she drink with him; that she refused his liquor and he later bought considerable beer for her. Mrs. Sexton states that Campbell later propositioned her and when she turned him down he stated that he would like for her to move out of the cottage as he desired to

have a woman live there who would accept his proposition; that she believes this is one reason why the Barkers started an argument over the water bill to have them move out, because she later saw a woman at the Carson Bradford home, whom she partially identifies as being Winona Burdette.

Mrs. Sexton is a woman of about twenty-six years of age, having three children, and it is the opinion of the writer that she became very intimate with Harry Campbell and probably engaged in sexual relations with him.

During her association with Campbell he advised her, Mrs. Sexton, that Carson Bradford was a fine fellow, a close friend of his and the Barkers, and that they had known him for several years; that the reason they came to Oklawaha was because they were in Miami looking for a place to stay and Carson Bradford insisted that they take his home at Oklawaha, where Mrs. Barker would have a place to rest and the boys would have a place to hunt and fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Sexton turned over to the writer a notice to vacate the premises signed by Carson Bradford and a letter which Mrs. Sexton received, dated at Miami, Florida, December 8, 1934, signed by Marian Bradford, Carson Bradford's wife, which are being retained in the file, and which Mr. Sexton has requested to be returned to him when they have served their purpose. The letter consists of nothing more than a notice to vacate at once. It is possible that further investigation may disclose that Carson Bradford knew the identities of the Barkers and ejected the Sextons from the premises at the Barkers' request.

Mrs. Sexton states that she vacated the premises on December 7, 1934, and moved to 715 Tenth Street, Ocala, Florida; that on December 14, 1934, Willie Woodberry, the negro who was working for the Barkers, came to her home at this address to get his wife, Annabelle. At this time Willie Woodberry left Kate Barker and a girl, allegedly Harry Campbell's wife, around the corner from her, Mrs. Sexton's, home, and picked them up after leaving there. At this time they were driving a V-8 Ford. This would indicate that Winona Burdette arrived at Oklawaha on or about December 14, 1934. Mrs. Sexton said that she did not see any other persons at the Bradford home and that the Barkers and Harry Campbell did not at any time tell her the nature of their business; that she heard them shooting practically every day and several nights, and on one occasion saw a case which she assumed contained a machine gun and on a later occasion mentioned this to Harry Campbell, who in a sarcastic way informed her that she had not seen such a case.

Mrs. Sexton advised that Loise Leitner, who lived two doors north of the Bradford home, had accompanied Fred Barker to Leesburg, Florida, on one occasion and would probably have considerable information about the Barkers and their associates.



Loise Leitner was interviewed by Special Agent F. J. Donaghue and will be referred to hereinafter.

Relative to the colored chauffeur, she Mrs. Berton says first arrived with Harry Campbell, alias George Summers, on November 6, 1934. Willie Woodberry advised that this negro did not remain at the Bradford home more than two weeks; that he went by the name of "Johnson" and is a yellow negro about thirty-five years of age, medium size, having his front teeth out and alleged to be from Miami, Florida. If this negro can be located, it is probable he will have information in this case.

On January 19, 1935, Agent F. J. Donaghue called at the residence of Mrs. Loise Leitner, three doors south of the Carson Bradford home on Lake Weir at Oklawaha, Florida, and interviewed her relative to her visit to Leesburg, Florida, with Fred Barker. She advised Agent that she had met Fred Barker, whom she knew as Mr. Blackburn, one morning while en route to the post office at Oklawaha. On this occasion he offered her a ride to the post office and after transacting her business there offered to take her home, which she accepted. While on the way he asked her whether she would accompany him on a ride; without indicating any particular destination he proceeded to Leesburg, Florida, stopping on the way at a barbecue stand where he purchased sandwiches and two bottles of Coca-Cola for both of them; upon their arrival at Leesburg, Florida, Mrs. Leitner advised that "Blackburn" made but one stop, going in a drug store where he stopped at a case or counter within full view of her, who remained in the car. Upon questioning, she stated that to her knowledge Mr. Blackburn did not converse with any one, mail any letters, or send any telegrams during the course of this trip. She denied any further association with "Blackburn", stating that he had made several attempts to "date" her, but that she had at the time a boy friend then living in Atlanta, Georgia, and was not interested in "Blackburn". After several unsuccessful attempts to "date" her, she advised that he did not bother her any more. She stated that "Blackburn" and his mother were the only two persons she saw close up and she did not know whether she could identify any of the other persons whom she saw about Carson Bradford's residence on several occasions at a distance. She denied ever having been to the Carson Bradford residence while the same was occupied by the "Blackburns".

Mrs. Leitner is a divorcee, and has two young daughters, approximately four and six years of age. She formerly resided with her husband in Ocala, and since her divorce her husband has been a patient in the United States Veterans' Administration Hospital at Oteen, North Carolina.

Description of Mrs. Loise Leitner is as follows:

Name: Mrs. Loise Leitner  
Age: 27-28 years  
Height: 5 feet, 4 inches  
Weight: 116 pounds  
Build: slender  
Hair: combed  
Eyes: dark brown  
Complexion: fair

It is noted that at the time of the interview Mrs. Leitner was evasive in her answers, and it is believed by this Agent that she was more familiar with Mr. Blackburn than she cared to admit. She displayed considerable interest in knowing when the Special Agents of this Division then in possession of the Carson Bradford home were likely to leave, which may be attributable to feminine curiosity, but it is altogether possible that she may have some knowledge as to where a contact of the Barker crowd could be made.

The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent E. J. Stapleton:

"The writer, assisted by Agents from the Charlotte and Chicago offices, made a survey of the home of Carson Bradford at Oklawaha, Florida, where Fred Barker and his mother were killed, for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of damages done thereto by the bullets fired by the Agents.

The home is a two-story frame house, having hardwood floors downstairs and pine floors upstairs, the walls and ceilings being of a plaster of Paris composition and what is known as "sheet rock". It should be noted that Mr. Carson Bradford informed Special Agent E. J. Donaghy that he constructed this home four years ago at a cost of seven thousand dollars. However, in the opinion of the writer, this is grossly exaggerated, unless this estimate includes the cost of the land upon which it is located.

There is attached hereto a rough sketch of the floor plan of the house upstairs and downstairs, and the damage done to each portion of the house is as follows:

Front porch: 21 bullet holes in clapboard which can probably be repaired by filling with putty and re-painting.

5 wire screens, approximate size 3 x 3, shot out.

1 bullet hole in roof of porch which can probably be repaired by filling with coal-tar or some similar material.

1 post, 3 x 3 inches, was damaged by gun fire.

Living room: Window glass for 5 windows and 1 extra pane for one window were shot out.

2 window frames damaged by gun fire.

3 window screens needed.

2 window shades needed - cheap variety.

4 pairs curtains needed - cheap variety.

Woodwork of the front door and the glass therein damaged and shot out.



1 cheap glass lighting fixture on wall was damaged

58 bullet holes in the walls

1 bullet penetrated what appeared to be a family picture, breaking the glass.

Dining room: 23 bullet holes in walls

1 bullet hole in ceiling

6 bullet holes in windows

window glass for 3 windows necessary

window frame will have to be repaired

3 window shades needed.

Kitchen:

4 bullet holes through door

1 door lock broken

2 gas shell projectiles made large holes through walls and one made large hole through pantry door

2 window screens needed

glass for 3 windows needed

5 bullet holes through a cheap kitchen cabinet - little damage.

3 bullet holes through door facing.

Back porch:

Window glass for door needed

2 screens needed

2 window panes needed

Room No. 1 on diagram (where bodies were found):

Screens and window glass needed for 4 windows

4 curtains needed

window frames for 3 windows needed



147 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

2 doors needed

1 bullet hole through a cheap dresser

2 bullet holes through an iron bed

1 mirror, size 36" x 24" in a cheap frame broken

1 art square damaged by blood, which can probably be cleaned

Room No. 2 (where Mrs. Barker was sleeping)

40 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

2 bullet holes in door

4 bullet holes in closet doors

window glass for 4 windows needed

screens for 4 windows needed

shades for 4 windows needed

1 bullet hole through back of wooden bed

1 mirror, size 50 x 18" in a dresser broken

4 bullet holes in cheap dresser

Room No. 3 (where Harry Campbell is believed to have stayed)

22 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

screens for 3 windows needed

2 shades needed

window glass for 3 windows needed

2 window frames damaged

3 bullet holes in door

5 bullet holes in a cheap bureau

Room No. 4:

21 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

1 window shade needed

3 wire screens needed

1 window glass for 3 windows needed

1 tear gas projectile hole in wall

1 bullet hole in door

2 window frames need repair

Hallway upstairs: 33 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

Bathroom upstairs: 12 bullet holes in walls and ceiling

glass in 1 window shattered

1 window screen needed

1 window shade needed

1 bullet hole in door

Cedar lined

closet upstairs: 5 bullet holes in walls

2 bullet holes in door

Outside of House: 67 bullet holes

4 large holes made by gas projectiles

27 bullet holes (west side, front)

15 bullet holes (south side)

It appears that all of the walls and ceiling will have to be replaced, as well as practically all of the windows, screens, shades and curtains.

## Memorandum:

On the morning of January 17, 1935, this Agent accompanied by Special Agent J. P. Lacour was making a cursory inspection of the upstairs rooms of the house occupied by the Barkers at Oklawaha, situated on Lake Weir, Florida, and while in the room occupied by Kate Barker noticed several pocketbooks lying around, one of which was partially concealed under her bed linen. Agent Lacour picked up the large pocketbook on her bed and inspected the contents of same. At this time he pulled out one twenty-dollar bill, one ten-dollar bill, one five-dollar bill, and four one-dollar bills; also silver in the amount of \$3.58. He made a casual inspection of the other compartments of the pocketbook but did not see any further money at this time. Agent Lacour deemed this search of the pocketbook sufficient at this time in view of the fact that a search of the premises had been made shortly after the decease of Kate and Fred Barker. This money was turned over to Special Agent in Charge T. M. Stapleton by Agent Lacour shortly after it was found and mention of the finding of the money was made by Agent Lacour and this Agent to Special Agent Alex Muzzey, who shortly thereafter came to the breakfast table, where Agent Lacour and the writer were eating breakfast, and made the statement "I thought you fellows said you found some money" and counted out ten one-thousand-dollar bills and four fifty-dollar bills. This Agent said "Where did you get that?" and he said "Out of the pocketbook you told me you searched". At this time Agent Lacour mentioned the fact that he had noticed an old brown envelope in one of the compartments of the pocketbook but same appeared to be empty and he failed to open this envelope in which Agent Muzzey stated that the \$10,000.00 was contained. He also mentioned the fact that the four fifty-dollar bills were contained in a zipper compartment, apparently overlooked by Agent Lacour, who made personal search of the pocketbook at the time it was found.

On the afternoon of January 18, 1935, Special Agent T. M. McDade and this Agent examined Buick coupe, motor number 2884746, for fingerprints and made six photographic exposures of latent fingerprints found on both glasses of said automobile, which were turned over to Special Agent in Charge T. M. Stapleton of the Charlotte office.

On the morning of January 19, 1935, Special Agent in Charge Stapleton instructed this Agent to contact Mr. P. F. Chester, local Constable at Ocala, Florida, for such information as he might have deemed of importance to this investigation, as one of the newspaper men, name unknown, had advised Mr. Stapleton that Mr. Chester could possibly furnish information of interest to this investigation.

Mr. P. F. Chester, Constable, Ocala, Florida, upon interview, advised that he had been informed by the ticket agent, name not furnished,



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at Ocala, Florida, that just before Christmas last a man and a woman drove up in a large Packard automobile, thought to be a sedan or closed car of some kind, and purchased two tickets for Miami, Florida, that the man also purchased a Pullman ticket and immediately thereafter caught the train for Miami and threw the ticket agent a five-dollar bill without any comment. The woman did not accompany the man but drove off in the above-mentioned automobile. Mr. Chester was of the opinion, the reason for said opinion not furnished, that this woman within a day or so caught the same train for Miami at Wildwood, Florida.

At the time of the above interview this Agent and other Agents were en route to the Jacksonville office and Special Agent in Charge Stapleton suggested that Agent make a memorandum of the matter above outlined for the attention of the Jacksonville office in the event that further investigation at Ocala in this connection is desired.

C. A. Whitten,  
Special Agent



Memorandum:

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The following memorandum covers the investigations made by this Agent concerning check-up on various receipts found in the Carson Bradford home occupied by the Barkers at the time of their decease:

1 cash receipt from Blocker's Department Store, Ocala, Florida, covering the purchase of five pieces of woman's lingerie on December 15, 1934, represents, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Newland, clerk at this store, purchases made by Kate Barker and a woman about

5 feet, 6 inches  
weight about 125 pounds  
dark long hair  
dark complexion  
rather good-looking

who, it is believed, was Winona Burdette, the paramour of Harry Campbell. Mrs. Newland stated that in addition to these purchases the small young woman made inquiries about ladies' linen suits and that she tried on several of these suits and when it was found that this establishment was unable to fit her with one of these suits, she and Mrs. Barker remarked in their conversation that they would probably be able to get one in Miami, and that they further mentioned in their conversation that these clothes were apparently being purchased in contemplation of a trip to Miami. Mrs. Newland stated that this young woman was very slender, inasmuch as she wore a number 12 woman's dress, but that other than the information before contained in this memorandum she could recall no additional information of any value gained from listening to the conversation of these customers, other than possibly that they were very nice to wait on and did not seem at all hard to please and only expressed that they were accustomed to paying more for clothes than called upon to pay in Ocala.

Another of these cash slips was obtained from Rheinauer and Company, mercantile store, Ocala, Florida, and represented the purchase of a pair of woman's shoes, the price being \$9.00. Mr. Larry Crine, manager of the shoe department at this store, advised that he sold these shoes and that the same were sold to Kate Barker and that a young woman

about 5 feet, 6 inches  
bearing the same description as the young woman  
above

accompanied Kate Barker at the time of this purchase, and that she made some other minor purchases in the store, -the best he can remember- some beads and trimming for a dress, and that these two women were very pleasant to wait on and that the elder of the two was decidedly the boss, inasmuch as she made all final decisions as to all personal purchases made by the two of them.

At Blocker's it was also found that the deciding about everything was done by Kate Barker.

Also among these cash receipts were found one from Watson's Garage, Ocala, Florida, and one from Beams Electric Service, Ocala, Florida, covering repairs on a motor and repairing of a magneto. Mr. C. M. Watson, of Watson's Garage, was contacted and advised that this receipt of his, in the amount of \$35.40, represented repairs done by him on a motor boat housed in the motor boat house directly in front of the Carson Bradford home, and that the bill of Beams in the amount of \$14.45 represents repairs on a magneto in connection with the same motor boat; that these repairs were made at the Beams company at his, Watson's, request. Mr. Watson stated that he was informed by the local Ford motor company that he could possibly get a repair job at the Carson Bradford home, inasmuch as a party had been to them with reference to the repairing of a motor boat and that they had informed this party that they did not do such repair work. Mr. Watson stated that he proceeded to the Carson Bradford home and that apparently none of the white people living at that place was present on the day he went there, but the negro cook and handy man authorized him to remove the motor from the boat and take it to his shop, where the above-mentioned work was done. Mr. Watson further advised that when he returned this motor to be re-installed in the boat, the negro again advised him that the occupants of the Carson Bradford home were still out of town, but that he had the money to pay for the repairs, that he could go ahead and put the motor in the boat, which he did, receiving for his services the \$35.40 represented by his bill and the \$14.45 represented by the Beams bill from this negro man. Mr. Watson stated that at no time, either on his first trip or his return trip, did he see any of the white occupants of the Carson Bradford home, but that he recalls that the negro man told him definitely on both occasions that the people were in Jacksonville.

A check of the telephone calls originating from the Oklawaha Inn at Oklawaha, Florida, was made at the Florida Telephone Company in Ocala, Florida. It was found that at that point all accounting slips prior to November 27, 1934, had been forwarded to the district accounting office at Leesburg, Florida, at which point they may be inspected. However, those from November 27, 1934, were examined by this Agent and the following calls, possibly of interest, were noted. The telephone number of the Oklawaha Inn is 1411.

On November 30, 1934, a phone call emanating from 1411, Oklawaha, to Joe Adams, Miami, Florida.

On December 22, 1934, phone call made to H 9691, Tampa, Florida, and

On December 23, 1934, another phone call was made to same number in Tampa - both of these Tampa calls emanated from 1411, Oklawaha

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On November 28, 1934, two phone calls from 1411, Oklawaha Inn, were made to 5-3969, Jacksonville

On December 30, 1934, a man named Masley or Easterly called one D. U. Corbitt at 4721, Orlando, Florida

On December 28, 1934, number 3-5591, Bradenton, Florida, was called from the Oklawaha Inn

On December 13, 1934, from Oklawaha Inn, some one by the name of Hart called a party by the name of DeWitt Hart at the A. G. Toolas residence, 9848, Orlando

On January 15, 1935, a party by the name of Morley called a person by the name of John Ganzel at 6713, Orlando

On January 14, 1935, Virginia Holzlaw called Ben Cobb, Jr., 4473, Orlando

On January 3, 1935, number 7-6522, Jacksonville, Florida, was called by some one from 1411, Oklawaha Inn, Oklawaha

On January 11, 1935, some one called a Mrs. Tuckett at 249, Leesburg, Florida

It was learned at the offices of the Florida Telephone Company, Ocala, Florida, that there was no possibility at that point of checking the incoming calls to telephone number 1411, inasmuch as the records of prepaid calls would be maintained in the offices from which they emanated, and that no records of collect calls would be made at number 1411, Oklawaha, inasmuch as this is a pay station and collect calls would not have to be authorized for that number, and that the only possible way of checking incoming calls at 1411 would be to check all exchanges from which it was thought that calls might have been made to number 1411, being the telephone number at the Oklawaha Inn.

There were also turned over to this Agent a hunting and a fishing license issued to Fred Barker by Judge L. E. Futch of Marion County, Florida, under the names of "T. C. Blackburn" and "T. E. Blackburn", respectively. A check of these licenses was not made at the courthouse due to the fact that it had closed, but Judge Futch orally

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mentioned to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley the fact that he had issued these licenses to subject Fred Barker.

The cash receipts and the hunting and fishing licenses mentioned in this memorandum are being attached hereto.

J. P. Lacour,  
Special Agent



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On the evening of January 18, 1935, at about 7:00 o'clock, Special Agents T. M. McDade, C. A. Whitten and the writer went to the Oklawaha Inn at Oklawaha, Florida, to have dinner. During the course of the meal Mr. Carson Bradford and his wife came in and took an adjoining table. About the time the above named Agents finished their dinner Mr. Bradford directed a remark to us, stating: "I see you are still here. You boys must like it down here." Whereupon Agent McDade answered: "Yes, it would be a nice place for a vacation." Mr. Bradford then asked: "When do you expect to leave?" Agent McDade answered: "Why, I don't know." About that time Mr. Bradford left the table and as he was walking away Mrs. Bradford said: "I hope you boys will stay over Sunday, otherwise we will have a lot of trouble with sight-seers running all over the place." She then asked if we thought any one would object if she were to string barbed wire from the fence across the short beach and place signs forbidding trespassing on the property. Whereupon the writer answered that he did not suppose there would be any objection to their protecting their property from trespassers in any way they thought practicable. The writer then asked Mrs. Bradford how they came to rent the property to Mr. Blackburn, and she stated that a friend of theirs, Mr. Joe Adams, now manager of the El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, and a former partner of Mr. Bradford in the real estate business at Miami, Florida, had told them that he could secure a tenant who had a lot of money and would pay \$75.00 or \$100.00 a month rent for their property on Lake Weir at Oklawaha, if they would rent it. She advised that they had never rented this property before but since her husband had lost money heavily in recent years they decided to rent the place. After this statement, Mrs. Bradford voluntarily continued to state that they had no idea who these people were and when they rented the place they did not rent the use of the motor boat and, in fact, did not know that they, the Blackburns, were using this motor boat, and neither did they know that the Blackburns were making use of the tenant house on the premises (house occupied by the negro cook, Willie), or intend that they should.

The above statement relative to the use of the motor boat is to be regarded with skepticism, since it was necessary, in order to use this boat, to secure the keys to the ignition of same from the caretaker, who lived nearby, and, according to the statement made by Willie, the cook, to other Agents, the Blackburns had made repairs to this same motor boat amounting to about \$35.00.

F. J. Donaghy,  
Special Agent

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. G. Melvin on January 19, 1935. Inasmuch as several receipts and bills were found in the Bradford residence after the death of Fred and Kate Barker, on the letter head of E. Ross Allen, Director of the Florida Reptile Institute and Taxidermist, Mr. Allen was interviewed, and by reference to his books it was established that Fred Barker on November 27, 1934, brought a deer head to his place at Silver Springs, Florida, and requested that same be mounted. This deer head has not as yet been mounted, and will not be mounted until April, 1935; that on November 30, 1934, Barker brought another deer head in to be mounted, which was to be delivered to Joe Adams, El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, after the work of mounting it had been completed. At this time Fred Barker brought in a deer hide to be tanned.

On December 2nd, 1934, F. M. Gale, a Merchant at Bellview, Florida, brought in a second deer hide, belonging to Fred Barker, to be tanned. This was to be sent to Mr. F. M. Gale at Oklawaha, Florida.

Both deer hides have been delivered but the deer heads will not be available for delivery until April, 1935.

The bill heads covering the above transaction are attached to this memorandum.

This memorandum covers investigative activities of Special Agents J. P. Lacour, and E. G. Malvin, and was dictated by these Agents:

Mr. W. C. Ray, the Proprietor of the Silver Springs Resort, Silver Springs, Florida, advised Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, that on or about January 10, 1935, a box of oranges was shipped to Mrs. J. C. Blackburn, North 6th Street, Chipley, Florida, and that it was the belief of Clayton F. Barber and his employees that Fred Barker shipped the oranges to Mrs. J. C. Blackburn; that there were four letters contained in the box, which were apparently to be forwarded from Chipley, Florida, and they were addressed as follows:

One to Miami, Florida,  
One to Mobile, Ala.  
One to some point in Virginia and  
One to some point in Georgia.

In view of the similarity in names Agents interviewed Mr. W. J. Tillman, Cashier, Railway Express Company, at Ocala, Florida. He stated, after referring to his records, that on Thursday, January 10, 1935, a 45# box of oranges was shipped from Ocala, Florida, on the SAIBy train at 12:15 P. M. or 3:00 P. M.; that the box was valued at \$2.00. At the request of Agents, Mr. Tillman called Mr. J. D. Hepper, the Railway Express Agent at Chipley, Florida, who advised that he did not have his records available at the time of the long distance telephone conversation but that he was sure that the oranges had been delivered to Mrs. J. C. Blackburn, and further that Mrs. J. C. Blackburn was the widow of an undertaker in Chipley, Florida, and the mother of J. C. Blackburn, present undertaker at this time; that Mrs. Blackburn had an excellent reputation in and around Chipley, Florida.

Agents proceeded to Chipley, Florida, and interviewed Mr. J. D. Hepper, who stated that the shipment of oranges from Ocala, Florida, were delivered about 8:00 A. M. on January 11th, and that he had been advised by J. C. Blackburn, the son of Mrs. J. C. Blackburn, the oranges had been sent to her by one Jack L. Shivers; further that Mrs. J. C. Blackburn came of a very prominent family in Chipley and was well regarded in the community.

Agents interviewed Mrs. J. C. Blackburn who advised that she recalled receiving the shipment of oranges from Ocala, Florida, and that they were sent to her by Jack L. Shivers, a roomer in her home and a long time personal friend of her's and the family; that Shivers was deaf and walked with a limp, one leg being shorter than the other.

Mrs. Blackburn advised that Shivers was a brother of Major Olin G. Shivers, a State Senator from that District of Florida; that Olin G. Shivers was the Proprietor of the Shivers Hotel at Chipley Florida, and that he paid many of his brother's expenses.

When questioned about the letters contained in the box of oranges Mrs. Blackburn stated, that letters were in fact contained in the box of oranges, being two in number, both addressed to her, one bearing the return address of the Silver Springs Court and Grill, Silver Springs, Florida, and the other bearing the return address of the Whitley Hotel, Montgomery, Ala. Two 3¢ stamps were pasted on the letter bearing the return address of the Silver Springs Court and Grill, Silver Springs, Florida, the stamps apparently covering the postage for both letters.

Mrs. Blackburn tendered the letters in question to Agents, who were allowed to read same. They were then turned over to Agents and are attached to this memorandum. These letters are of a personal nature and reflect that Shivers apparently had known Mrs. Blackburn and her family for some time.

Agents were further advised by Mrs. Blackburn that Shivers was a harmless individual and would not be mixed up in criminal activities of any kind, in her opinion; that she had never been in Ocala, Florida, herself and knew of no Blackburns in and around Ocala; that her family originated at De Funiak Springs, Florida and had lived in Chipley for twenty years; that there was, however, another Mrs. Blackburn in town who was engaged in the operation of a beauty parlor.

Upon completion of the interview conducted with Mrs. J. C. Blackburn, the Agents discreetly contacted Sheriff John P. Harrell of Walton County, at Chipley, Florida, with the idea in mind of completely establishing the credibility of the information obtained from Mrs. Blackburn.



In this connection these Agents were advised by Sheriff Harrell that Mrs. Blackburn's position was entirely as she had represented it to the Agents inasmuch as she was a long time resident of Chipley, Florida, and that Jack Shivers had a room at her home and that Jack Shivers was a deaf cripple and that he could not believe it possible that this Shivers was implicated in any criminal activities, certainly not of the nature and magnitude of those on hand in this case. He further advised that Shivers had just recently collected about \$1,000.00 in insurance on a fire insurance policy, covering a piece of property, in which he had some interest, in Chipley, Florida, and that he personally knew that Shivers was driving about the State of Florida, living on this piece of money and dodging his local creditors in Chipley, Florida.

With reference to this other Mrs. Blackburn mentioned by Mrs. J. G. Blackburn, Sheriff Harrell stated that she was a Mrs. Lula Blackburn, who had recently moved to that County from Alabama, and that she had established herself in business in Ocala, Florida, through his financial backing, and that he was positive that she was not in any way concerned in the instant case.

Sheriff Harrell did, however, carry these Agents to the beauty parlor owned and operated by Mrs. Lula Blackburn where the Agents met this woman and got a brief outline of her past history and family connections through a suitable pretext.

It was learned that Mrs. Blackburn's husband, now deceased, was a former railroad man; that he lived and worked in the City of Montgomery, Ala., up until the time of his death and that he now has a brother in Montgomery, Ala., connected with the Central of Georgia Railroad. Mrs. Blackburn has a young daughter of about 15 years of age and this daughter and brother-in-law are the only Blackburns with whom she has any acquaintance and it was definitely established that this woman can have no connection with the case in hand.

It might be stated that Mrs. Lula Blackburn's husband's name was Flinn Blackburn and she advised that he was employed as an Agent and Telegrapher with the A. O. L. and G. M. and N. Railroads operating through Montgomery, Ala.

With respect to Jack Shivers, Sheriff Harrell, further advised that it was his information, the origination of this information, he was unable to determine, that Shivers was presently in Miami, Florida, having gone to that point from Seale, Florida, or Silver Springs, Florida, and that prior to that time he had been in Montgomery, Ala.

It might also be mentioned that in one of the letters received by Mrs. Blackburn from Mr. Shivers, he made mention of the fact that mail, in a few days, could be directed to him at Madison, Florida.

In order to check further on the origin of the information relative to the shipment of oranges to Mrs. J. S. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton F. Barber and Boyd Garner, an employee, were questioned about the shipping of the oranges and they stated that as near as they can recall there were four letters in the box of oranges; that, however, Jack L. Shivers was the party who shipped the oranges and that they were not shipped by Fred Barker or any member of the Barker-Karpis gang

The following memorandum was dictated by Special Agent C. B. Winstead:

Special Agents J. C. White and Winstead located in the Buick coupe of Fred Barker a repair order of the United Motors Service Incorporated, dated October 17, 1934, number B 119691, showing work on the generator, etc., of Buick automobile, in the sum of \$40.76, in the name of T. C. Blackburn, which invoice is stamped paid by the Kansas City Branch.

Also an invoice from the Standard Oil Company, number 22814, issued by Service Station Number 75th Street S. E. 5835 (the name of the city does not appear) for servicing the Buick car in the name of Blackburn; also a Standard Oil Company invoice, number 23557, dated July 16, 1934, covering Buick, Illinois 1934 license number 750 974, for servicing. The first mentioned invoice is dated July 16, 1934, also.

In this car there was found a receipt issued by Electrical Equipment Company, 42 Northwest Fourth Street, Miami, Florida, dated November 2, 1934, for deposit on radio, in the name of T. C. Blackburn, El Comodoro Hotel, in the amount of \$35; also invoice of the Electrical Equipment Company number B 81209, dated November 2, 1934, at Miami, Florida, in the name of Mr. T. C. Blackburn, 114 Walnut Street, Saint Charles, Illinois, marked: Radio Job number 3776, 1 number 700 Philco auto radio serial number 91186 \$45.95, labor \$4.00, total \$49.95.

Another invoice found in this car was issued by the Electrical Equipment Company, 42 Northwest Fourth Street, Miami, Florida, dated November 2, 1934, in the amount of \$49.95, made to "cash on acct", marked "Credit Mr. T. C. Blackburn 114 Walnut Street, Saint Charles, Illinois".

A cash receipt issued by the Firestone Service Stores, Incorporated, 1800 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, number 187-4, to Cash, dated November third, covering Buick bearing Illinois license, for servicing.

All the above mentioned receipts are attached to this memorandum.



SPECIAL Memorandum to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley from Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin: RE: Mrs. A. T. Westberry

On the evening after the altercation at Lake Weir, a woman approached the writer while he was on guard duty at the main gate to the Bradford residence and advised that she had been frightened, as well as her daughter, in connection with the shooting occurring that morning; that her house had been shot into and she was never notified and that later she and her daughter climbed out of the back window attempting to escape and that bullets whizzed by her head. She advised that she heard someone holler stop, halt and get back a number of times, but that she was so frightened that she did not do this and crawled along the edge of the beach.

Later Mrs. Westberry was interviewed in the presence of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and from all indications of her conversation she left the impression that she felt she should receive some material assistance from the Government of a financial nature for the shock she had suffered in connection with the siege on the Bradford house.

The following day, upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, the writer attempted to replace the windows and screens in the house which were two in number, as they had been riddled by two bullets (only two), but Mr. Westberry stated that he would do this work himself, personally, providing the Government paid for it, whereupon the writer gave him Ten Dollars and took a receipt for same for all material damage done in connection with the two bullets in his house in breaking two panes of glass and ripping two screens.

In further connection with this case, due to the fact that Mrs. Westberry had hinted that she probably would endeavor to secure financial assistance from the Government in connection with her so-called mental shock from this altercation at Lake Weir, the writer, upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, in company with Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, interviewed Mrs. E. E. Barber, who resides within twenty-five feet of the Westberry home.



Being the next door neighbor, and Mrs. Barber made the following signed statement, the original of which is attached to this memorandum:

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I, Mrs. F. G. Barber make the following statement regarding the Government who were stationed in back of my house. There were two Agents who informed me that they were Government men when they arrived and they acted at all times as gentlemen. A short time after they arrived I heard men shouting and then an outburst of shots took place.

I heard one of the Agents stationed back of my house yell get back a number of times and then halt and I was of the opinion that he was calling to the woman in the Blackburn house. A short time later an Agent appeared at my house and joined these other Agents. He offered to accompany me to the highway but I refused to go and leave the two women in the house next door. At this point one of the Agents stated that he had asked the people to leave next door but they had refused to do so. The other Agent then stated that perhaps the women he saw running along the lake front was the women next door, but that he could not determine this due to the fact that they would not stop.

I am satisfied that the Agents stationed in back of my house did everything possible to protect the people in the vicinity of my house and at all times performed their duties for the best interest of the Government and its citizens.

Signed

Mrs. F. G. Barber.

Witness:

J. T. McLaughlin, Special Agent  
D. P. Sullivan, Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. F. G. Barber was also interviewed during this time and he stated that he was very well acquainted with Fred Barker and to the fact that he acted as caretaker of the place for Mr. Bradford; that on one occasion he asked Barker, who was known to him as Blackburn, if he had any interest in the dog tracks in Miami which were owned by Bradford and that Fred stated that he did not have any interest in the dog tracks, but that "Ma" did, referring to Mrs. Barker. He further stated that from all indications he gained the impression in connection with his contacts with the Blackburns and was of the honest opinion that Bradford knew who these individuals were and that his principal reason for this is due to the fact that Bradford was closely connected with a man in Miami named Joe Adams, who had made a visit to the house on a number of occasions, and for the further reason that there was a tenant on the premises who was a fireman and that Fred Barker had these tenants removed before their month's rent was up and this was accomplished by a personal visit to Bradford at Miami.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Barber expressed the opinion that Mrs. Westberry was absolutely too "nosey" and untruthful in her accusation that the Agents did not take proper precaution to safeguard the citizens in the community. It is further stated that Mrs. Westberry after the altercation ran down the street and told people around the main highway that there were twenty men killed; that her house was riddled with bullets; that shots went over her head and through her hair and a man tried to kill her and her daughter by shooting at her when she tried to leave her home. The Barbers further stated that Mrs. Westberry attempted to get an opinion from the Barbers relative to whether they could sue the Government and collect damages and whether the Barbers would testify that they had not been warned to leave their home.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan on January 28, 1936, at Oklawaha, Florida:

J. W. Nelson, owner of the Oklawaha Inn, and owner and manager of the Nelson and Company Service Station and Garage, located on road number 41, in Oklawaha, was interviewed. Numerous photographs were shown him and he identified the photographs of Fred Barker as that of a man previously known to him under the name of Blackburn, and likewise identified the photograph of Harry Campbell as that of a man known to him as Mr. Summers, who was residing with Barker at the Bradford Estate on Lake Weir. He stated that Barker and Campbell occasionally came to his service station where they obtained gas, oil and minor repairs for their cars, a Ford sedan and a black Buick coupe; that they occasionally were accompanied by two women, one young and dark-haired and the other an elderly woman. Nelson could not positively identify photographs of Wynona Burdette, "Ma" Barker and others shown him.

Mr. Nelson stated that on one occasion Barker came into his garage and stated that he had a full set of connecting rods placed in the Buick at Orlando, Florida, while returning from a trip to Miami. Nelson stated that he went hunting with Barker at a lodge some miles distant from Oklawaha; that he spoke with him on several occasions, but that at no time did he mention his business, where he came from, or what he was doing, other than stating that he had been spending the winter at Miami.

Rhoda Mann, Oklawaha Inn, Oklawaha, Florida, who is employed at the above address as a waitress, was interviewed. She stated that late in November, Fred Barker, known to her by the name of Blackburn, came into the hotel and made a long distance telephone call to Miami, Florida, and identified himself to the party with whom he was conversing, by calling himself "Shorty". Miss Mann stated that from the telephone conversation it seemed as though Barker was speaking to the rental agent of the Bradford property and the general gist of the conversation was to the effect that he did not wish to pay water rent; that had been incurred by a previous tenant. Miss Mann especially recalled the conversation



because the amount of the water rent was a very small sum and in fact the telephone charge was greater than the bill itself.

Miss Mann stated that Barker occasionally thereafter came into the store and bought fishing tackle and that he was accompanied by another man at the times. She could not positively identify the photograph of Barker, but stated that it appeared to be the same individual as Blackburn.

She further stated that about three or four weeks ago a long distance call was received at the Inn and the operator asked for a Mr. Campbell. Miss Mann stated that not wishing to be bothered with locating persons she did not know she told the operator she knew no Campbell and heard nothing more concerning him. This woman was questioned thoroughly and had no other information of value to this investigation.

On the night of January 16, 1935, at the direction of Special Agent in Charge T. H. Stapleton, Special Agents J. E. McLaughlin and D. P. Sullivan took possession of the currency and numerous other personal effects found in the residence occupied by the Barkers at Oklawaha, Florida, and brought them to the Jacksonville Division Office, where the above property was turned over to Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt.



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The following memorandum was dictated by Special Agent E. P. Sullivan:

During the time Special Agents J. A. McLaughlin, Alex Muzzey and the writer stayed in the home of Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, formerly occupied by Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, Agent on various occasions interviewed Willie Woodbury, who was formerly employed as handyman by Fred Barker and during these interviews he stated that early in November, 1934, the small cottage located on the Bradford property, and immediately adjacent to the Bradford home, was occupied by Mr. Tom Sexton, a fireman at Ocala, Florida, and Woodbury was employed by Sexton. During this time, Fred Barker and his mother drove up in the Buick coupe owned by Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, accompanied by a negro butler by the name of Johnson, drove up in a black Ford V-8 coupe, having yellow wheels. (It is to be noted that Woodbury knew Barker and his mother only by the name of Blackburn and knew Campbell and Wynona Burdette, who will be mentioned hereinafter, as Mr. and Mrs. Summers.)

Woodbury stated that Harry Campbell resided with the Barkers almost continuously with the exception of approximately three weeks on one occasion, perhaps early in December, when he went away not stating his destination.

Woodbury stated that Campbell and the two Barkers, mother and son, left for Miami a week before Christmas and returned in three or four days with Mrs. Summers, whom Woodbury identified from a photograph as being Wynona Burdette. He stated that Fred Barker and his mother made several trips to Miami, and after one trip, the destination of which he did not know, Fred returned with a large bag of pecans and twenty-two boxes of candy.

On another trip, Fred returned with a man, whom Woodbury identified from a photograph as being Karpis, who stayed overnight. The following day Fred Barker took Karpis back to Miami, and before he left Mrs. Barker gave Karpis a present for a baby, which Woodbury believed was to be expected shortly by Karpis' wife. On the day before New Years, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell left with a number of Christmas presents for a baby which Woodbury understood was not yet born, but expected shortly, stating that they were going to Miami.

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New Years Eve, two men, identified by photographs shown to Woodbury as being "Slim" Gray and "Doc" Barker, arrived at the Bradford house in a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, which was black and had yellow wire wheels. No one was home at the time of their arrival, but Kate Barker returned shortly thereafter and "Doc" Barker, who was known to Woodbury by the name of "Shorty" stated on his arrival that he had met his mother in Orlando and she had directed him to the house. Woodbury stated that the mentioned Ford sedan bore Illinois license plates, the number of which he could not recall.

Woodbury further stated that Wynona Burdette received a daily newspaper from Chicago, Illinois, the name of which he did not know, stating that each evening they gathered together all the newspapers in the house and burned them in the fireplace.

On Sunday, January 13, 1935, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, left and stated that they would return on Tuesday, January fifteenth. Woodbury has not seen or heard from them since. He stated that Campbell was wearing, as he ordinarily did, a light grey suit, and a light tan hat, and before leaving he stated that he very likely would see the negro butler, known by the name of Johnson, who was employed by Campbell for approximately two weeks after their arrival at Oklawaha. Campbell indicated that he was going to Miami and Woodbury got the idea that Johnson was working in a hotel where Campbell expected to stop.

Woodbury stated that during the time that Campbell resided at Oklawaha, he drank heavily and continuously; that his movements are characteristically slow and lazy-like and he was always running his fingers through his hair.

On two occasions when no one was home, a young man about twenty-five or thirty years of age, with blonde hair, medium slender build, fair complexion, who spoke with a foreign accent, called at the Barker residence and asked for Blackburn and left a message for Blackburn to call him at the El Commodore Hotel in Miami, Florida. This man drove a Ford V-8 coupe of black color. Woodbury did not know his name and had no further information regarding him.



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On another occasion Mr. Bradford visited the house for a short while. Woodbury stated that Fred Barker told him that he had rented the residence through a Mr. Adams at Miami, Florida, and one day a man called at the place and Woodbury asked him if his name was Adams and he said, "Yes" and that he had rented the Bradford place to Blackburn.

Woodbury stated that the .33 calibre lever rifle and the pump shotgun as well as the .22 calibre automatic rifle, belonged to Fred Barker. He stated that the automatic rifle was referred to by Barker as his "Big Bertha".

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John L. Madala on January 19, 1935, at Ocala, Florida:

On the night of January 18, 1935, Mr. J. F. Johnson, who identified himself as being the manager of the Ocala Motor Company, Ocala, advised Agent at the Marion Hotel, Ocala, that his company had done some repair work on a 1934 model Ford V-8 sedan for Mrs. G. F. Summers, on December 15, 1934. Mr. Johnson requested Agent to appear at his office the following day for complete details of this transaction.

On January 19, 1935, Agent called at the Ocala Motor Company, a Ford agency, and Mr. Johnson introduced Agent to A. S. Hunter, Shop Foreman, and in this connection advised that Mr. Hunter is the person who handled the transaction in question.

Mr. Hunter upon being interviewed, advised that on December 15, 1934, shortly before noon, a woman, whom he described as being a tall, dark-complected and black-haired person, drove a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan into the garage and requested that same be inspected for repairs. Mr. Hunter described this car as a four-door deluxe sedan, black in color, yellow wire wheels with firestone tires. He further stated that he believed that same bore either Illinois, Tennessee or Florida license tags.

Mr. Hunter stated that while the car was being repaired Mrs. Summers made inquiry of him concerning a 1935 model Ford car and asked what price he would give her on a trade-in for her old car. She further stated to Mr. Hunter that she was temporarily residing on Lake Weir at Oklawaha, Florida, and in this connection asked him to drive to her place immediately after the 1935 models arrived.

Further information received from Mr. Hunter discloses that after Mrs. Summers' car had received the necessary repairs, she called for it that afternoon and paid him the charges which were \$5.40, with a Ten Dollar Bill. He stated that at this



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time Mrs. Summers was accompanied by an elderly lady, whom he positively identified as Kate Barker; further that Mrs. Barker made inquiries of him concerning whether he would be interested in trading a 1934 model Ford coupe for two diamond rings and a race horse, which she professed to own. Mr. Hunter advised that the diamond rings in question were worn by Mrs. Barker at the time; however, he advised her that he was not interested in the deal of trading a new car for the above jewelry and the race horse in question.

Before Agent's departure, Mr. Hunter advised that he recognized a picture of Arthur "Doc" Barker, which appeared in a local newspaper, as being a man who had been in the shop one day before Christmas or New Years; that on this occasion this man appeared in a 1933 model Ford V-8 sedan, black in color, bearing Florida license plates, and was accompanied by another man whom Mr. Hunter saw at a distance. He stated that the former man asked him about a good buy on a 1934 model Ford V-8 sedan, and he stated that he did not have any used cars in the garage at that time and suggested that this man leave his name and address, stating that he, Hunter, would contact him just as soon as he received a used car. According to Hunter, this man stated that he was temporarily stopping with some friends at Oklawaha, Florida, and that he was expecting to leave immediately after New Years.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Madala on January 19, 1935:

On the above date, Mr. H. A. Fausett, who identified himself as the former Chief of Police of Ocala, Florida, came to the Marion Hotel and advised Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley that he had received indirect information to the effect that Fred Barker, under the name of T. C. Blackburn, had sent flowers through the Kruger Florist Company, located at Ocala, Florida, to persons at Miami, Florida, and Cleveland, Ohio. He could furnish no other details in this regard.

Agent interviewed Mr. Henry Kruger, owner of the Kruger Florist Company, Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida, and he advised that on November 28, 1934, a man, whom he recognized as being identical with Fred Barker, appeared at his florist shop and ordered flowers sent to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida; that he ordered two dozen chrysanthemums, paying six dollars for this bouquet. Mr. Kruger stated that he wired the above order to the Exotic Gardens, Florists, Miami, Florida, and requested them to place on the card as the sender of these flowers the names T. C. Blackburn and Mrs. G. E. Ryan, which names were given to Mr. Kruger by Blackburn.

Mr. Kruger stated that this man was accompanied by an elderly lady, whom he did not see, and after he ordered the above flowers, he returned to the car and shortly afterwards came back into the flower shop and at that time asked Dorothy Leavengood, one of the employees of the florist shop, what flowers she would suggest as being suitable for two businessmen.

Agent talked with Miss Leavengood and she advised that this man, who gave his name as Blackburn, and whom she identified as Fred Barker, ordered a dozen roses from her and requested that they be sent to ART HEAVERBRANDT and JAMES PAXON in care of the Harvard Club, 839 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. He further requested that the name, T. C. Blackburn, be placed on the card as the sender of these flowers.



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In this connection, Mr. Kruger advised that he wired the above order to the Guenther Floral Company, 3238 Lorraine Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on the same date, and, according to his records, the flowers were delivered on Thanksgiving morning, November 29, 1934.

Miscellaneous activity and interviews by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Oklawaha and Ocala, Florida:

Carson Bradford, 5158 North Bay Road, Miami Beach, where his summer home is located, and who also lives during part of the year in the Salisbury Apartments, 224 Venetian Avenue, Miami, Florida, and who owns the property which was occupied by Fred and Kate Barker on January 16, 1935, was interviewed in the presence of Special Agents T. E. Walsh and J. L. Madala at the Marion Hotel, Ocala, Florida. He advised that he had not rented this place to the Subjects, this being the summer home of his parents; that the place had been rented by one Joe Adams, Adams being the manager of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, which hotel is operated by the father-in-law of Adams, a Mr. Knight; that Adams had come to him and advised he believed he could rent his place in Oklawaha for \$75.00 or \$100.00 per month; that the little house located on this same property was then renting for \$8.00 per month; that previous to this time he had never on any occasion rented out his home at Oklawaha to any one; that Adams asked him for the keys of the house and he furnished them to him; that he believed possibly Adams drove up with the prospective tenants to look over the property; that he believes they looked at this property and then made inquiry as to how many months they could use same; that as he recalls they paid the first and last month of the rent in advance, namely \$150.00, same being rented at a rental of \$75.00 per month. He insisted that he did not know these parties and never saw them.

He advised that he has a small interest in the Biscayne Kennel Club, Miami, Florida; that he does not know Willie Heaney; that he knows the partner of Eddie O'Hare, Anderson, who is interested in the Miami Club at Miami; that Joe Adams above referred to is also interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club; that Adams married during the past summer and that he allowed him the use of his home at Oklawaha to spend his honeymoon. He advised that he may have seen Doc Barker sometime, but does not recall ever having seen Fred Barker. In connection with the Biscayne Kennel Club, he advised that a party by the name of Quinn handles the money at the track; that Ben Costello is the mutual man at the track and that Joe Adams is manager of the plant; that J. R. Knight, Adam's father-in-law is President of the Club and also owns the El Comodoro Hotel; that they started this plant, the Biscayne Kennel Club, on \$8,000 and have since increased the capital to \$15,000.

He insisted that he was never arrested except on one occasion; that when he was 15 years of age he ran away from home at Nashville, Tennessee, and was picked up in Chicago and returned to Nashville. He advised that \$150.00 received for the rental of his house was paid by three \$50.00 bills. In answer to the question as to why he had rented this place to these parties



under the above indicated conditions, he advised "The answer is, a man needs money and he took a chance". He advised that he believes these parties made two trips to Miami to complain against the people located in the small cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Sexton, and when they refused to remove at his, Bradford's, request, he had process issued against them and they were ejected from the property; that all of this was done through Joe Adams.

This party is rather evasive in his answers and has insisted that he did not know any of the parties who were renting his place or what their business or connections were. He was inclined to press the point as to whether or not the Government should pay for the damages caused by shooting into his property and indicated he might ask his Congressman to get through a special bill to reimburse him for his loss in this connection. It is indicated that he will claim possibly \$2,000 or \$3,000 damages, which is inconsistent with the damage done by the bullets passing through this house, and in this report will be set out a detailed statement of the observations of the Agents who examined each room and noted the bullet holes through the house. This party is believed to be equally responsible with Joe Adams for the renting of this place to these subjects, it being noted that this was the first occasion upon which he had rented out the property, and he apparently rented same out at what is a very good price considering the location.

On January 19th Louise Leitner, Oklawaha, who lives in about the third house west of the Carson Bradford property with a negro servant and her child, she being a divorcee, advised she formerly rented an apartment to the Sextons who lived in the small cottage on the Carson Bradford property while she was living in Ocala; that she later moved down to Oklawaha and she thereafter visited from time to time with the Sextons; that she knew the parties living in the big house as the Blackburns; that the party known as Mr. Blackburn, who was the son of the woman in the big house, came over and visited with the Sextons and at this time met her and offered to drive her over to the Post Office, which he did, driving her over in a Buick coupe. Thereafter he asked her to go for a ride, and they drove to Leesburg, Florida, and came back. She advised that they did not get out of the car; that she was never inside the big house while these people were there and that the old lady looked her over very carefully when Freddie drove her up in front of the house. She recognized the picture of Fred Barker and advised that she believed she had seen Doc Barker, judging from his picture; that she never got a very close look at him; that she believed the picture of Campbell looked familiar to her; that her meeting with Fred Barker was before Christmas, December 25, 1936; that she noticed the woman who was living with the other party at this place, in town, paying particular attention to her because she was walking

around with a cigarette in her mouth. In her conversation with Fred Barker she asked him what kind of work he was doing, and he stated "I would be surprised", to which she answered "Oh, I am a lawyer", at which time Freddie looked at her rather surprised. She advised that Freddie Barker later wanted to take her out on a trip to Ocala, and she would not go; that just prior to this time she had noticed someone was doing a considerable amount of shooting on the lake.

Mrs. A. T. Westberry and daughter Wilma, who live in the house at the end of the land East of the Carson Bradford property and whose house was shot into at least four times from the Bradford house by either Fred or Kate Barker on the morning of January 16, 1935, advised that she noticed that these people always kept their lights on in the garage at night and that on occasions when her husband, who comes home over the weekend, came down into the lane, Freddie and the other fellow would throw a flashlight on him; that they were shooting through the trees in front of the house and on the lake.

On January 17, 1935, a telegram was received via Postal Telegraph from Carthage, Missouri, addressed to the Sheriff of Marion County, Ocala, Florida as follows: "George Barker wishes to claim bodies and Fred and mother slain in your county yesterday stop Wishes information concerning money and personal property in his possession stop Wire immediately Oll Rogers, Sheriff, Jasper County".

Deputy Sheriff Williams, Ocala, Florida, answered the above telegram, advising this party that these bodies were ready for him whenever he wished to claim them and that the inquiries as to the personal property found on these subjects should be made of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida.

On the afternoon of Sunday, January 20, 1935, telephonic communication was had with the New York office, and they were advised that Frankie Foster, believed to be one and the same as the Frankie Foster considered a suspect in the Lingle murder at Chicago, Illinois, was believed to be in New York and that Harry Sawyer was being hidden by him, as per information we had received from Monty Carter at Chicago and a request was made that they try to locate this party and get him for the location of Sawyer as well as a possible contact of him by Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, who had apparently left Atlantic City on the morning of this date and might have headed toward New York. It was indicated in the statement of Carter that he had heard Doc Barker say to Willie Harrison that Gladys was with Sawyer and they were with Foster.



Special Agent in Charge Larson was telephonically advised from Jacksonville, Florida, on the afternoon of January 20, 1935, that as per check in Ocala, Florida, it was learned that Freddie Barker, under the name of Blackburn, on November 29, 1934, had had flowers telegraphed to Art Heavebrandt and James Parton, 239 Harvard Avenue, S.W., the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio; that in ordering these flowers he had asked the florist what would be most suitable for two business men to place on their desk. These flowers were telegraphed from Ocala, Florida, through the Gunther Floral Company, 3286 Lorraine Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. It was noted in this connection that Art and Shimmy had been referred to as contacts of the gang by Monty Carter, and the Detroit office's attention was called to the fact that Art and Shimmy had previously been mentioned in connection with the Harvard Club and were probably the two above mentioned parties. It was also indicated that "Cash" in Detroit was a contact of the gang and it was suggested that they make efforts to locate these parties for the possible apprehension of Campbell and Karpis who had left Atlantic City the morning of this date.

On January 18, 1935, Sheriff J. P. Ramsey, telephoned Special Agent in Charge Alt, Jacksonville, Florida, that a negro in that community had seen a party whom he believed to be Alvin Karpis. Special Agent in Charge Connelley, together with Agents J. C. White, J. L. Madala, and C. B. Winstead immediately proceeded to Gainesville, Florida, and contacted Sheriff J. P. Ramsey. Thereafter he brought in Alex Trapp, who lives at the corner of Church and Grove Streets, Gainesville and he recited a story to the effect that a party had driven up to where he was standing on the street near the T. & J. railroad tracks in Gainesville, Florida, and asked him if he was working; that he told him he was working, and the party said "I want you to do something for me". He then said "Jump on the running board", which he did and they rode out to the Underpass. The party then asked him if there were any hardware stores and requested that he obtain for him some 30-30 shells, offering him \$50.00 with which to purchase these shells; that he, Trapp, suggested to this party that he keep the money until he could see whether the hardware store had this ammunition in stock; that thereafter he made inquiry of the hardware store in Gainesville and learned that it would cost him \$36.00; that upon leaving this party arrangements were made whereby he was to make a contact with him at 9:00 A.M. on January 18th to obtain the money so that he could return and buy this ammunition; that he was to meet this party, who was accompanied by a woman, at Micanopy, Florida, which is on highway 21, to the South of Gainesville, at the crossroad toward Ocala; that this party would weigh about 175 pounds, had brown hair, was 32 to 33 years of age, and 5' 11" in height; that the man remained in the car; that the woman accompanying him was a blonde, about 29 to 30 years of age, with light eyes, a long brown coat with fur neck and sleeves and a small black hat, weight about



155 pounds, hair bobbed, and was possibly over five feet in height, that they were driving a dark blue 1933 Chevrolet roadster with the top up and that the top was colored gray; that thereafter, while covered by Sheriff Ramsey and his deputy, he made this contact again with these parties on the morning of January 18th near Peoples City in Michigan, that they picked him up in the car he was using about 12 miles this side of the meeting point; that they drove back to the road which leads to Orange Lake, where the woman got out of the car and got into his car; that she lay down in the back seat of the car and told him to drive her to Ocala; that his car broke down about two miles north of Ocala and he left her there and had someone tow him back in his car to Reddick; that she told him to meet them at 4:30 at the same meeting place on the evening of this date; that this woman had a \$1,000 bill and a .38 Smith & Wesson pistol in her side pocket; that the man upon driving off in the morning went toward the lake. This individual later changed his story stating that he left the woman out at the first filling station, just outside of Ocala and further varied his story considerably from what he had told earlier in the day and also from what he had told the Sheriff. He was unable to pick out the picture of any of the subjects involved in this case as being that of the party he had seen. There is no question but what this individual made inquiry at the hardware store at Gainesville, for the purchase of one thousand rounds of 30-30 ammunition, but it is doubtful what purpose he was to use this for, he not having any money of his own with which to buy any ammunition. However, to make sure that nothing was missed in this connection, Agents proceeded to the designated point and concealed themselves in a wooded section close to the highway without the knowledge of this negro who was to be left at the designated place by the Sheriff in order to make the contact. It is interesting to note that although the deputy sheriff took this negro out in the morning to make the contact and the negro came back to him and said the party was down at the meeting place, the deputy did not verify whether he had contacted anyone at all, and the deputy immediately proceeded about 15 miles to Ocala and was therefore, not in any position to verify whether any contact had been made on that morning or whether this was a fabrication on the part of Trapp. The negro appeared at the location and after waiting for about an hour and a half beyond the designated meeting time, he indicated that he did not believe they were going to contact him. From the circumstances above set forth and from my observation of this negro in talking to him, it is believed that this story was conceived by him for the purpose of concealing the real purpose for which he was trying to buy this ammunition. Arrangements were made with the Sheriff to maintain contact with this negro, whom he knows personally, for any later information he may obtain and communicate same to the Jacksonville office. It is not believed this contact was made with any of the subjects in this case or that he met anyone as he states he did.

On January 15th telephonic communication was had with Special Agent in Charge Kadd of Chicago and he was advised that we would raid the place at Oklawaha at approximately 4:00 A.M., or 5:00 A.M. Chicago time, in order that he might make arrangements to raid the Bremer hideout at Bensenville, Illinois, at approximately the same time and also endeavor to apprehend Allderton and Elmer Farmer, as covered in the statement of Monty Carter.

In connection with the raid conducted at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16th, immediately upon its successful consummation, Special Agents R. D. Brown, E. L. Jones, C. E. Campbell and S. E. McKee proceeded via plane, which was waiting at Ocala, to Miami, Florida, in order to endeavor to locate Campbell and Karpis if they were still at this place.

In conversation with Frank Barber, living on the lane leading into the Carson Bradford property, and who also acts as caretaker of this property for Carson Bradford when it is not occupied, he advised that on one occasion while in conversation with Freddie Barker, Barker made some reference to the fact that his mother was interested in a dog track; that he believed Barker had reference to the dog track in Miami, Florida. This information was telephoned to Special Agent in Charge Hanson at Miami, Florida, in order that he might cover this in connection with the work he is doing there.

In connection with the \$4,000 found on the person of Fred Barker and the \$10,000 found in the pocketbook of Kate Barker at Oklawaha, telephonic communication was had with Special Agent in Charge Alt at Jacksonville and it was suggested that he communicate with the Division telephonically as to what action he should take in connection with this, inasmuch as L. E. Futch, the coroner, under the Florida law, would ordinarily be required to take possession of any money and personal property found on the person of deceased persons, as well as other property; also to take the same action as to the Buick coupe which was found on the premises and which had apparently been used by Fred and Kate Barker. It was also suggested that the United States Attorney communicate with me or contact me at the Marian Hotel, Ocala, Florida, in order that this matter might be worked out to the satisfaction of Mr. L. E. Futch, the County Judge and coroner, inasmuch as he had been very cooperative with us in this matter, and thereafter Assistant United States Attorneys Page and House arrived at Ocala, Florida, on January 17, 1935, and the situation as to this money and the automobile was presented to them. They could offer no suggestion other than that possibly a subpoena duces tecum should be issued out of St. Paul, the district of prosecution,



for this property, in order that the Marshal might take custody of same. This information was communicated to the Division and also to Special Agent in Charge Alt, Jacksonville, Florida, with the suggestion that the Special Agent in Charge Alt communicate with the Division in order that they might communicate with St. Paul as to having the necessary process issued, which was done, and subsequently a subpoena duces tecum was issued to return the money which had been recovered, as well as the automobile. The subpoenas were served upon L. E. Futch and the property and automobile were subsequently turned over to the United States Marshal, as will be covered in reports of the Jacksonville office.

In a telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Division, Special Agent in Charge Alt at the Jacksonville office, on January 19, 1935, it was indicated in connection with the subpoenas issued for the \$14,000 and the Buick automobile, that this was for the protection of the Coroner and there was nothing he was required to do; that it would not be necessary for the Coroner to appear when the Marshal served him with this process; that it would be sufficient to deliver the money into the custody of the United States Marshal or the Agents concerned. This process was issued to cover 1934 Buick coupe, motor No. 2334746, bearing 1934 Illinois license No. 750-974, which information was telephoned by Special Agent in Charge Alt to the St. Paul office.

On January 19, 1935, United States Attorney Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephoned the United States Marshal, Southern District of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, to serve a subpoena upon Coroner L. E. Futch, Marion County, Ocala, Florida, to appear in district court at St. Paul, Minnesota and produce etc. 1934 Buick coupe motor Nos. 2334746 and all the currency, notes and moneys taken or recovered on or about January 16, 1935, from Fred Barker and Kate Barker, aggregating \$14,312.00, more or less, etc.

In connection with the activity reported by Special Agent Wolfe with reference to the Winchester .33 calibre lever action rifle, which was forwarded by Barker for repairs, it is noted that the number is illegible on this gun, which gun has been forwarded to the Division as of January 22, 1935, from Jacksonville, Florida, in order that if possible the number may be brought out, and if this is accomplished, effort will be made to trace this gun. When the number is brought out, further inquiry will be made of the Winchester factory as to whether or not this was the gun upon which repairs were made.

With reference to the investigative activity reported by Special Agent J. C. White and with special reference to the party who called at the Carson Bradford home in Oklawaha and took away a box of oranges in



his coupe automobile, from the description and later conversation with Duke Randall, Miami, Florida, it was indicated that this was the party who called on this occasion.

With reference to the activity reported by Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, and particularly his reference to Mrs. M. M. Westberry and her indication that she had not been notified to leave her home, memoranda will be later submitted by Special Agents M. B. Brown and E. K. McKee, who were covering the situation from the rear of the house of Frank Barber, as to the fact that she had been notified to depart from her house and would not do so until after the shooting started, at which time she left from the rear window and Agents Brown and McKee, not being certain of their identity when they were seen running along the beach, that is Mrs. Westberry and her daughter, fired near their heads when they were commanded to halt and did not do so, Agent Brown at that time being under the impression that this was a man and woman running along the beach, they being somewhat concealed by the trees and undergrowth. (The submission of these memoranda was delayed due to the fact that these Agents immediately proceeded to Miami Florida and Havana, Cuba.)

As to the latent fingerprints described in the investigative activity reported by Special Agent in Charge Stapleton, which he indicated were forwarded to the Division for development, these photographic films were forwarded to the Chicago office for development. However, Agent Donaghue of the Charlotte office, who photographed these prints together with Agent McDade, placed the exposed films in blue Postal Telegraph envelopes for forwarding and consequently the light filtered through such envelopes and destroyed the films for further development, as nothing appeared on them when they were developed at the Chicago office where they were taken by Agent McDade upon his return North on January 20, 1935, from Jacksonville, Florida.

In connection with the guns and ammunition recovered at the Carson Bradford home, Oklawaha, Florida, these being the guns in possession of Fred and Kate Barker, on January 16, 1935, they were shipped to the Division on January 22, 1935 from Jacksonville, Florida, by Special Agent J. C. White, as covered in the following memorandum:

**GUNS, BUSTOLS, CARTRIDGES and SHOT SHELLS**  
**TAKEN AT THE BARKER HOUSE AT OKLAWAHA, FLORIDA ON**  
**JANUARY 16, 1935.**

One Thompson Machine Gun - 1921 Model - Number illegible  
One Thompson Machine Gun - 1921 Model - Number illegible

One 50-cartridge drum for Thompson Machine gun - 214 contain  
fifty loaded shells  
One 50-cartridge drum for Thompson Machine gun - 215  
One 100-cartridge drum for Thompson Machine gun - 216 contain  
seventy loaded shells  
One stock for Thompson Machine gun - Number 12578  
One 45 calibre Colts Automatic Pistol Number C-150657 - Damaged  
by bullet hitting handle  
One 45 Calibre Colts Automatic Pistol Number C-151341  
Nine 45 automatic Pistol clips  
One 380 Calibre Automatic Colt Pistol - number illegible  
Five 380 automatic Pistol clips  
One Browning 12 gauge Automatic Shotgun - Number 92870  
One Remington 12 gauge pump shotgun - Number 27237  
One Winchester 35 calibre lever action rifle - Number illegible

The above were shipped to the Division, Washington,  
D. C. on January 22, 1935, via Railway Express Agency.

In connection with the loaded shells taken from the drums of  
these guns, these were also forwarded in the shipment to the Division.  
There were also included in this shipment numerous other shells picked  
up inside the house, which were evidently .45 calibre bullets fired from  
the machine guns by either Fred or Kate Barker.



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The following is a continuation of the interview had with Wynona Burdett by Special Agent in Charge Connolly at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 21 and 22, 1935, in the presence of Special Agent J. L. Madala.

Reference should be had to previous interview had and included in the report submitted by the Philadelphia office as to the first interview had with Wynona Burdett on January 21, 1935. Wynona Burdett advised on January 22 in connection with the \$1,000 which had been furnished Dolores Delaney by Duke Randall on January 17, 1935, that on the previous night, when the boys learned of the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, she drove up to the dog track and contacted a party by the name of "Duke" and requested that he come out and meet Karpis and Campbell; that Duke advised, however, that he could not come out and Ray then went out with Harry to see Duke, this being on Wednesday evening, January 16, 1935; that after contacting Duke Randall they drove out in the country and separated on the road, Campbell and Karpis leaving in a Buick automobile, while she and Dolores drove back into town in the Ford sedan; that thereafter they turned the Ford sedan over to Duke Randall to put away and she does not know what he did with it, this being turned over to him on the street. The car was turned over on the following morning, January 17th, just before she and Dolores proceeded to the railroad station, they taking a cab to the station.

Previously that morning, they had gone to the Pinal Hotel and saw this same party she knew as Duke, not knowing his last name, and went up to his room. She stated that she did not see Duke give Dolores the \$1,000; that Dolores bought both tickets for them and did not give her any money out of this \$1,000. She advised that when she first approached Duke the night before and advised him that Ray wanted to see him, Randall said "Ray who? Does he live out on Biscayne?". She advised they were living at the address in Miami under either the name of Gray or Green; that Karpis visited her, Campbell and Freddie and Kate Barker at Oklawaha on January 9, 1935; that they did not know, at least she herself did not know, of the death of Slim Gray until January 13, 1935, when they went to Miami and she read of same in a Chicago paper. She advised both Campbell and Karpis were getting papers which were being mailed to them. Upon arrival in Miami on January 13, 1935, she and Campbell checked into room 706 at the El Comodoro Hotel about 10 P.M.; thereafter they proceeded to the place where Dolores and Karpis were staying, and remained at the house with Karpis and Dolores, checking out of the hotel the following day. She advised that Harry Campbell and Freddie Barker went down to Miami the day after Christmas; that thereafter she saw "Doc" and Slim at Oklawaha, they staying overnight. She advised that Dr. Douglas at Toledo, Ohio, performed two operations upon her during the past fall and the bills were paid by Campbell; that she believed that Harry Campbell was rather broke at this time and only had about \$500.00, and that she knows he had one .45 caliber automatic.



Dolores Delaney was interviewed at the Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia on January 31, 1935, by Special Agent in Charge Connelley in the presence of Special Agent J. L. Madala.

She advised that she is 23 years of age and later corrected this to indicate that she is 19 years of age. She advised that she is not married to Alvin Karpis; that she has been associated with him for some time, having met him in Chicago where she was living with her brother, Robert Delaney; that part of this time she had done some housework in Chicago; that she attended high school to the senior year, having attended Hyde Park High School, Chicago; that she left this high school about three years ago. She advised that she was not working at the time she met Karpis; that she was never arrested previously; that she had dated Ray, or Karpis, up on the street; that thereafter she met him a couple of times and then did not see him for some time; that later he appeared, this being about June, 1933, and that they then started living together; that she never believed he was in on the Bremer kidnaping; that if has only been a short time since she knew definitely he was wanted by the Government; that she saw it stated in the newspaper that he was being sought by the Government in connection with the Bremer kidnaping; that she believed she was living in Chicago at that time with Karpis; that she never at any time saw his father or mother and he never mentioned them to her; that they lived in the South Side near 71st Street, where they had their own furniture; that she does not know where he purchased the furniture for this place and that they lived at this address approximately three months; that she believes she met him first in Chicago in May or June, 1933, and that thereafter she went home to St. Paul for a visit, Karpis remaining in Chicago. She advised that as she recalls, they lived at 7153 Yates Avenue in an apartment; that previous to this they had lived about one month at the Orlando Hotel in Chicago, and that they were living at 7153 Yates Avenue during Christmas of 1933.

She advised that she was with him the night before she read in the papers of the kidnaping of Bremer, and that she was with him at the time this occurred. She indicates that she loves this man and that he is the father of her child; that they were living on Yates Avenue at the time of the kidnaping and that they probably lived at the Yates Avenue address until March, 1934; that she is certain she was with him on the day in Chicago that it came out in the papers that Bremer had been kidnaped; that they were living at this address under the name of Hoffman, which name they also used at the Orlando Hotel, and that she, herself, has never been to Bensenville. She advised; "I read in the paper of the kidnaping of Bremer and I guess we were still at the apartment. Ray may have been away part of the time while Bremer was held. He had no boots or breeches. I don't think he was in St.

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Paul while they were looking for Bremer. I think we left the apartment the last of March or the first of April. I believe we lived in the apartment in December, 1933. I think we got back from Reno, Nevada, in November, 1933. I don't know whether Ray was home when I read of the payment of the money to get Bremer. I don't know how he got his money before this time. He never had much money, but we had enough to live in comfortably. We moved to Cleveland and stopped at Toledo and took a place down town in Toledo. After being shown pictures of the various members of the Karpis-Barker gang, she advised that she never saw much of these parties, although she may have seen them around. She advised: "I don't recall meeting Kate Barker. I saw Wynona at Toledo, Ohio. I believe I met her there." She advised that she does not know Doc Moran or Jimmie Wilson; that when the other girls were picked up in Cleveland, Ohio, she went to Chicago and stopped at the Hotel Southmoor, staying there probably a little over one week, being there alone and that Karpis later called for her, she at that time meeting him on the corner with a small bag, this being in September, 1934. She advised: "I think possibly we went down to Florida. I was not with the other girls." She stated that Ray Karpis told her to go to this hotel, and that she did not know of the other girls being picked up until she read of it in the newspapers; that she did not recognize the name of Willie Harrison, who apparently is the party known to her as "Will", who lived with them for a few days in Cleveland, and that she did not know his clothes were at their place.

She advised that Karpis did not marry her, although he said he wanted to marry her; that she imagined he was some sort of a bootlegger; that she never saw his guns; however, that she saw a pistol a couple of times; that they proceeded to Florida and went to the El Comodore Hotel at Miami, staying under the name of Wagner; that she believes he knew Joe Adams through having met him while Joe Adams was the Manager of this hotel; that they were here only a short time when they went to Havana, Cuba; that she recalls writing the letter found at Oklawaha, Florida, in the home occupied by Kate and Fred Barker, from the Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, to Joe Adams at Miami; that the party "Heller" was a man at the Hotel Park View in Havana; that they were at this hotel for quite a while; that they went over there in a plane; that this letter was written at the direction of Karpis, who instructed her to sign same "Mr. Wagner"; that Kate Barker did not live at the El Comodore Hotel while she was there, however, she later came to visit in Havana, Cuba, and stopped at the Park View Hotel, the same hotel at which she and Alvin Karpis were stopping under the name of Wagner. She advised she did not know who Kate Barker was except to see her; that she possibly met all of them, that is the members of the gang, from time to time; that she knew Kate Barker was called "Mother", but that she did not know whose mother she was at that time; that Kate Barker stayed for two days on this visit; that she remembers while they were living in Miami on one occasion she came home from shopping, and that there were a couple of packages containing baby clothes there; that to the best of her recollection



it was before they were in Cleveland that she first saw Willie, that Willie was not in Cuba to her knowledge; that possibly around Christmas a fellow was at Miami who may have been Willie Harrison, he being in a car parked in front of the hotel; that she does not recall a George and Irene, thinking George and Irene Zeigler alias Gertz; that she remembers some woman of this name, but cannot place her; that she paid \$49.70 for each of their tickets, that is hers and Wynona Burdett's, obtaining a drawing room, on January 15, 1935, for the trip from Miami to Philadelphia, where they changed trains and proceeded to Atlantic City; that she first heard over the radio of the shooting at Oklawaha, but at that time it had not been determined that these people had been killed on January 16, 1935; that it was announced over the radio that the Bremer kidnapers were in a house at Oklawaha, and that many gas bombs were being thrown into the house; that she believed Karpis came home with Campbell and told them to go and see Karpis, then left with Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdett having stopped with them at Miami since their arrival on January 15, 1935; that she recalls they were living at 1121 N.E. 85th Street, having lived at this place for possibly a month, at which place they used the name of Bremer; that they had a Buick sedan which they were driving that they had obtained about the time they had moved into this house. She advised that she believed they had a Ford coupe prior to this. She advised that she is desirous of having a baby and that she wanted to marry Karpis, but she did not believe they could be married, because of the fact he was too "hot", and that Karpis was the man who had seduced her.

When later interviewed on January 22, 1935, Dolores Delaney verified the fact that they had been living at 1121 Northeast 85th Street, which house they had rented from Grace Thomas; that when they rented this place they paid the rent, \$750.00, in advance to May, 1935; that Joe Adams had shown them the house and probably knew the owners thereof; that as she recalls they went to the race track on what must have been Tuesday night, however she later corrected this to indicate that it was on Wednesday night, the day the newspapers reported the shooting at Oklawaha, and that a party, apparently Duke, came but and talked to Karpis and Campbell in the car; that on the following day, namely January 17, 1935, they got the money which they had used in coming north; that at the time they were talking she did not hear them say anything as to the shooting at Oklawaha, but she did say she and Wynona went to the Tivoli Hotel and there met them, although she did not know his name, and took them to his room, where he gave her \$1,000; that this was made up of bills of various denominations, \$100, \$50, and she spent some of this to go up to Atlantic City; that she spent possibly \$150.00 for clothes at Atlantic City and gave Karpis probably \$200.00 at Atlantic City; that Wynona obtained her money from Harry Campbell; that she had not seen Joe Adams since they left the hotel and moved to the address which they left on January 16, 1935; that she does not know anything about the safety deposit box rented by Karpis under the name of Wagner in Havana,

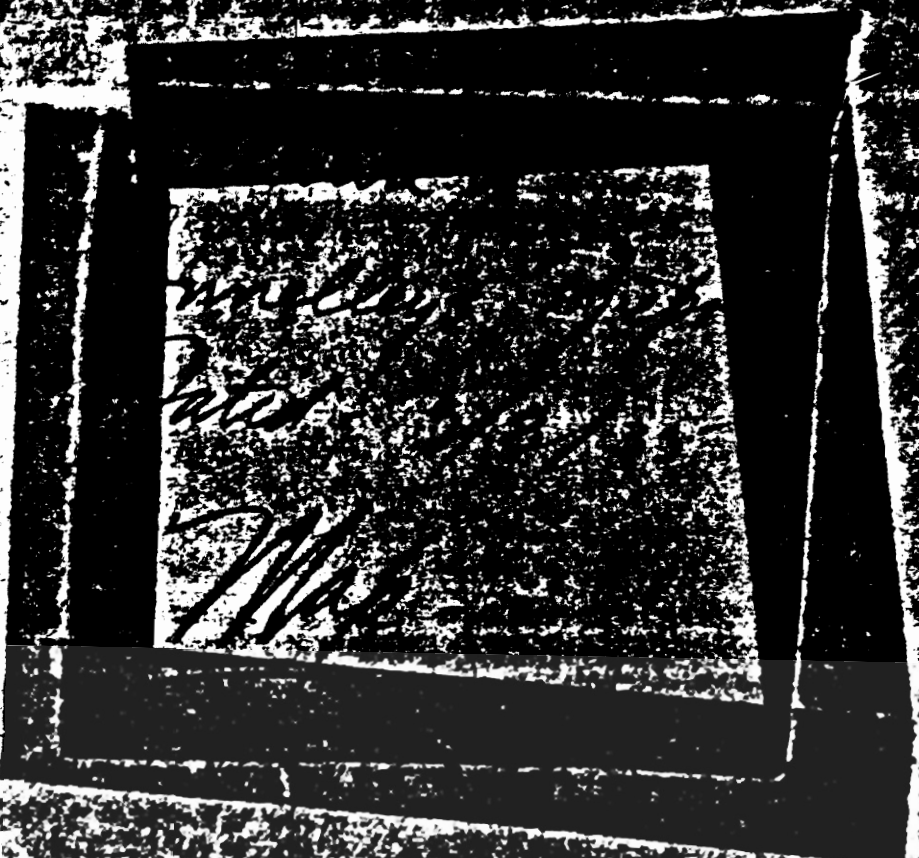


Cuba, that she did not know of Karpis trying to change a \$2,000 bill at Atlantic City on Saturday, January 19, 1935; that she does not know how Duke Randall came into possession of the Ford coupe, which they had previously had; however, she is certain that they proceeded to Miami in a Ford coupe from the North; that she has been in the place of Harry Sawyer at Wabasha; that probably in June, 1935, she was living at Oak Park, Illinois; that she recalled them having lived in Michigan City or Long Beach, Indiana; that she recalls Irene and George called at this place; that the only party living with them was the owner of the house who did the cooking for them, a Mrs. Konvalinka, this woman having a son attending a military academy; that Paula Harmon came out to this place while they were living there, accompanied by a party who might have been Freddie Barker; that she never met Tommy Carroll; that she first met Wynona Burdett at Reno at the bathhouse, at which time Wynona was with Paula Harmon; that after leaving Reno she and Ray went to Chicago, going first to the Orlando Hotel and later to the Yates Avenue address; that while at Reno she went to a place known as the Reno Club, where she played "rango"; that most of the time she went alone; that she believes she was in St. Paul in August, 1935; that they left Chicago to go to Reno; that Gladys and Harry Sawyer and Will were with them in Cleveland; that she does not recall "Ollie". She advised that Ray was gone at the time over night from Miami; that when they arrived in Atlantic City she also had the address of the Richmond Hotel, but they did not go there.

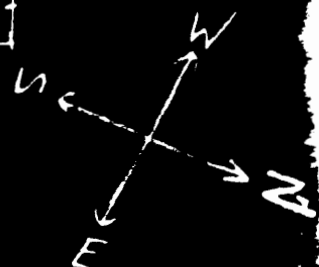
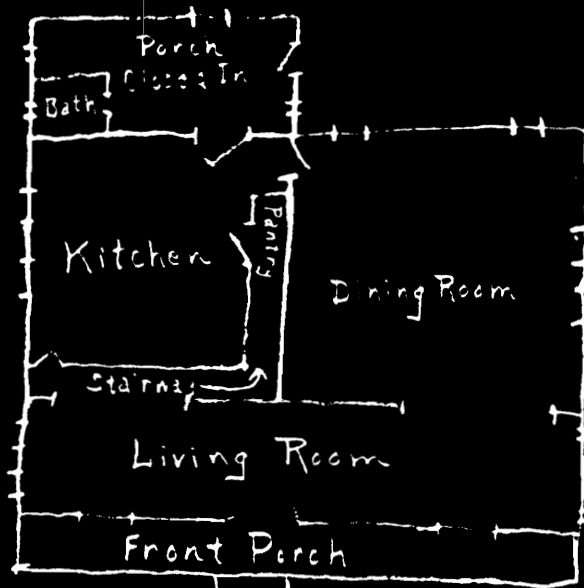
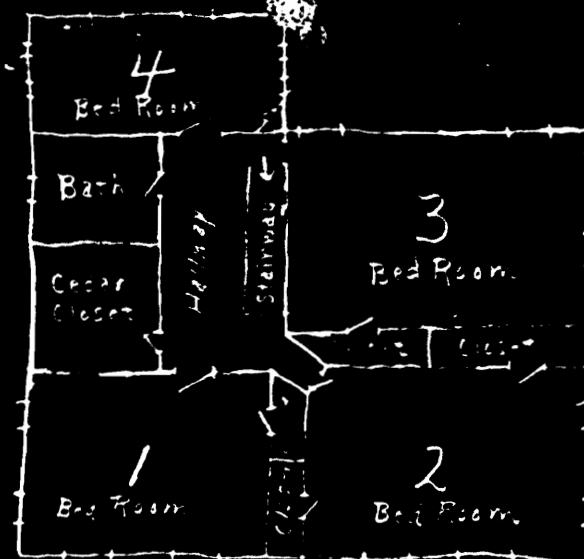
She advised that she has one brother, Robert Delaney, known as Bud, age 21, height 5' 10" or 11", weight 140 pounds, slender build, with dark hair and brown eyes; that she does not recall him ever being at Erie, Pennsylvania, and believes he is now located in Chicago; that her father's name is James Delaney, but that she does not know where he is, as he separated from her mother a long time ago; that she has lived in St. Paul since she was about five years of age, having been born in North Dakota; that she does not know when she saw Bill and Myrt last (referring to William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton).

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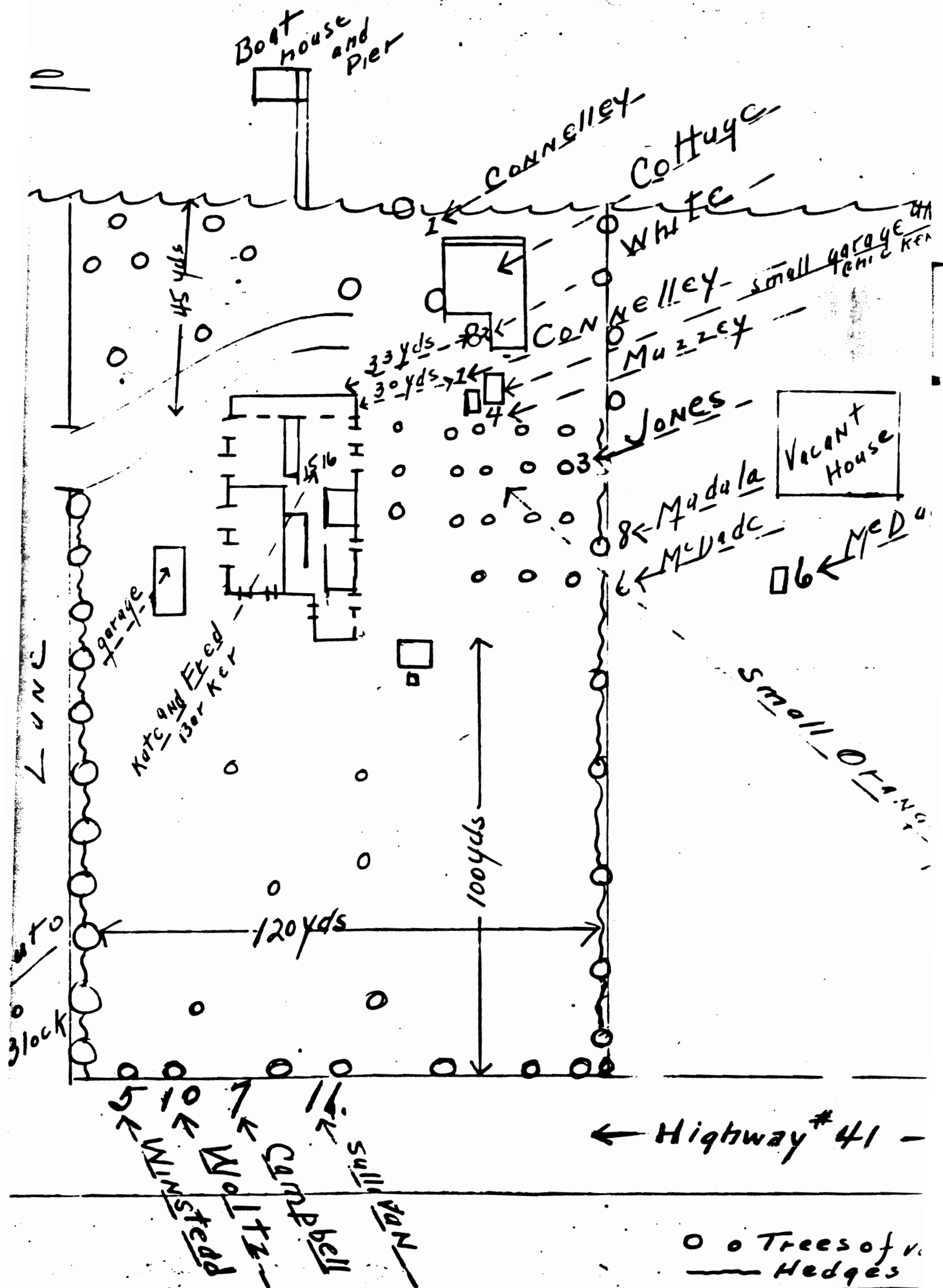




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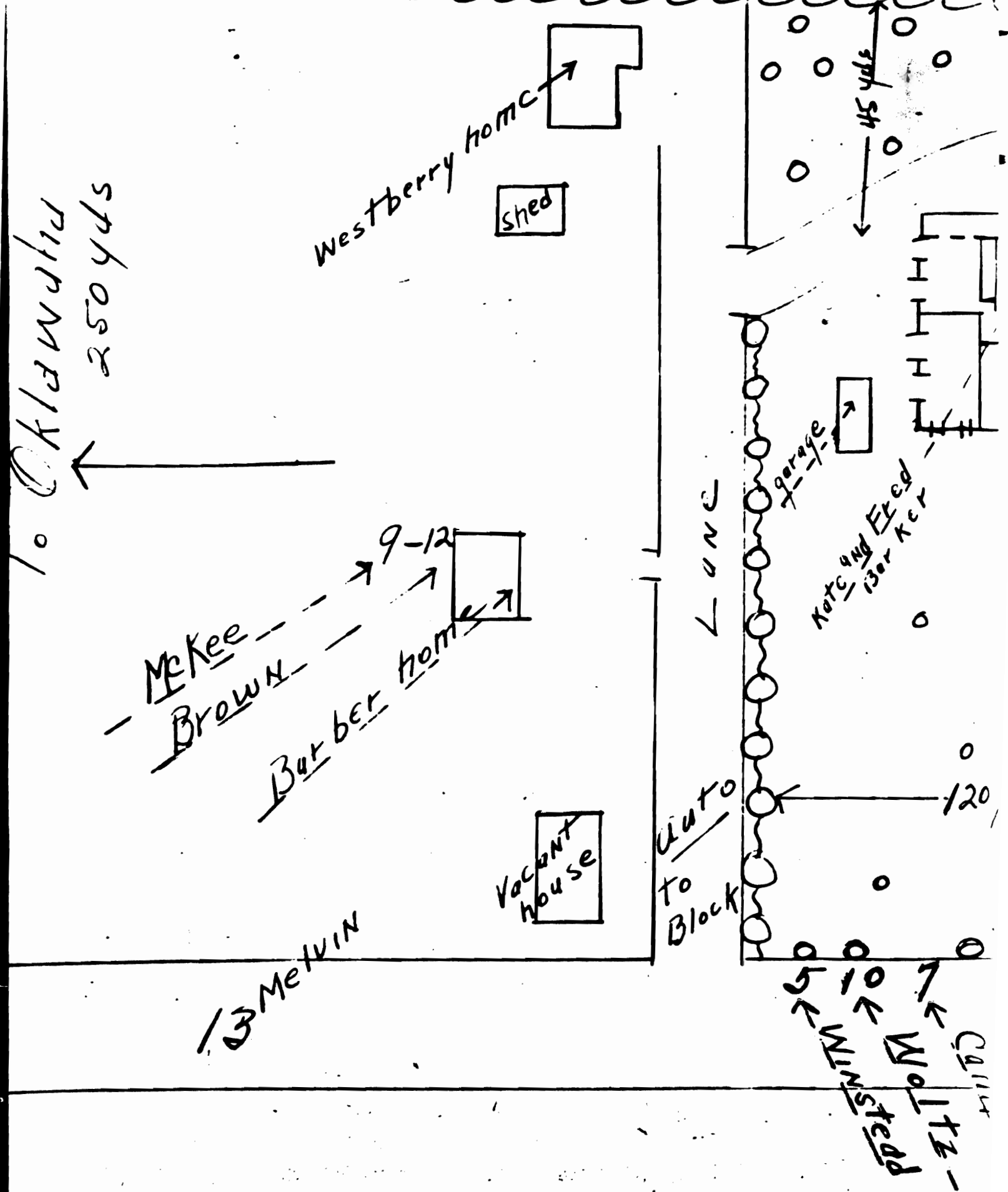
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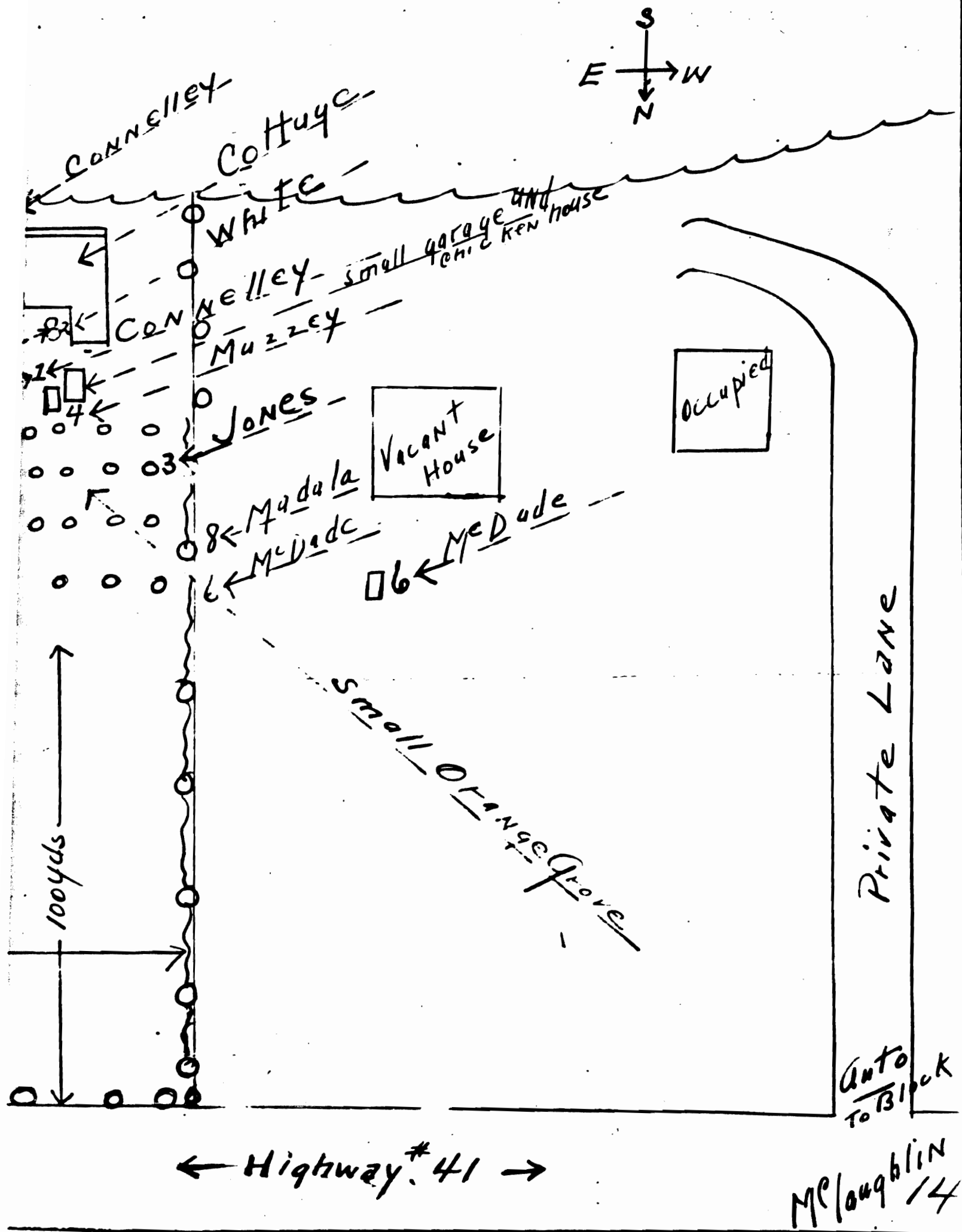




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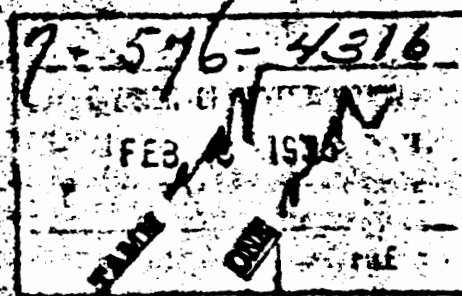
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